



# GOOD SAMARITAN EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION

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**We're back! After some months without sending a newsletter, we want to tell you our news! ...**

**God is faithful**, and after a time of apparent "pause," things are starting to move towards a goal again. We say "apparent pause," because we have not stopped helping people with our program of social assistance. Although the Center has been quiet, we have cared for people with addictions, helping them with their paperwork to get into other Christian treatment centers, or giving them regular therapies.

## A new name

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We have finished the legal paperwork so that the Association may have a name that is both short and not narrowly directed to only one sector of need—before, it was the "Good Samaritan Association for the Rehabilitation and Social Reinsertion of Drug Addicts." The new name, **"Good Samaritan Evangelical Association"**, also reflects the spiritual character which without any doubt is a fundamental pillar of its reason for being.

At the same time, we have changed the Association's statutes with the goal of being able to reach out to more sectors of the population.

## A new vision

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After a season of prayer, reflection and research about what ministry could be carried out in the Center's facilities, the Association's board has proposed to the assembly of its members dedicating the Center to people with **emotional health problems**. The assembly gave its approval, so we are taking the first steps toward this vision becoming a reality.

Since the Center is out in the middle of nature, it seems to us that it's an ideal place for people who suffer stress, depression, trauma, etc. It could also receive small groups who want to spend a few days in reflection and prayer.

This new focus is called the **"Juniper Program,"** in reference to the tree under which Elijah sought refuge in the desert and where he was cared for by an angel who gave him food and provided rest. **(1 Kings 19:4-8).**

## Other news...

### In the garden



In January of this year, landscaping professionals from a Dutch company whose bosses are Christians proposed a project, raised funds to carry it out and came to install an automatic watering system! They also cut down some eucalyptus trees that were threatening the main house and greenhouse. Four others who come every year to harvest olives joined them and were a great help with the project, as well as Samuel and Anneke, who translated, made a report on the project, etc. Our initial idea was for them to come next year, but they felt a leading from God that it needed to be now.

Here you can see a video summary:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B9bKLM9AXeU>

We are very grateful to the Lord for this project, which worked very well this summer, saving work and above all, water.

This half-liter container is the result of several months of preparation on the part of Samuel and two designer friends of his. It is silk-screen-printed glass, and its design is attractive and up-to-date, **not to mention that it contains the best extra virgin organic olive oil!**

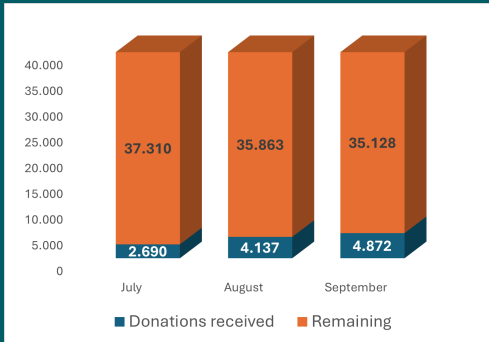
It was very well received in The Netherlands, and we hope to be able to introduce it little by little in Gourmet stores.

If you live the UE, you can buy it in our online store (see more below). It would be a great gift idea!

### New Container for the Good Samaritan Brand Olive Oil



## Remodeling work



The first step to get the Juniper Program underway is to do some remodeling and improvements in the existing facilities. In faith, and thanks to volunteers who came this summer, the floor has been changed in part of the house, we have installed heating and are remodeling the bathrooms.

**The total budget comes to 40,000 euros**, and we have started a fundraising campaign. **For now we have reached 12%**. If you have not yet participated, don't put it off until tomorrow! <https://gofund.me/cbfb841f>

From here **we want to thank those who have already participated**—it means a lot to us!

## Your help is very valuable

**Your help is very valuable! You can participate in many ways, and do your part with your resources, time and abilities. Here are some ideas: 😊**

### WE ARE SEEKING :

- **A brick mason** or construction professional who could come work on the flooring and other such tasks.
- **Volunteers for the olive harvest.** We already have two groups coming for two weeks in November and December, but this year the harvest is expected to be abundant.
- **Volunteers to clean, paint, etc.,** who could come for a few days to lend a hand.

**You can also participate by buying our olive oil, adopting an olive tree, and sharing these needs with your friends and your churches.**

## **Here are the links :**

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With this QR you can access our online store to buy oil or adopt a tree:



<https://www.buensam.org/colabora.htm>

Keep up to date on the progress of the remodeling on our



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# Thanks!