

Revive Our Hearts SA Committee

ANNUAL REPORT

1 March 2021 - 28 February 2022



1. Introduction

It is with much gratitude that the ROH SA team presents this report. *Revive Our Hearts South Africa* is committed to striving to support the mission of our mother organisation, *Revive Our Hearts USA*, here in South Africa, namely:

*Calling Women to
Freedom,
Fullness
and
Fruitfulness in Christ*



2. Message from the Chairperson of the Board

Looking at this year's Annual Report, it seems as if one can call it the first of the post-Covid era. The activities have picked up and God is leading us to grow in current ways on how we are spreading the gospel and guide women to be more Christlike.

We received good reports on the development of new material based on the resources that are available from the mother organisation. Translations and adaptations to become more culturally relevant remain challenging, but also assist us to grow. The concept of Regional Ministry Partners has also taken off and we are looking upon the Lord to expand His Kingdom through it, into more areas of our country. The hosting of gatherings like the *Grounded Conference* and Bible studies adds substantial value to build relationships and to introduce the ministry to more women. The growth through social media platforms is most encouraging.

I would like to thank the serving board members Eddie Smit, Retha de Villiers, Marisa Badenhorst (outgoing) and Jackie Arndt (incoming) for their commitment to assist with the governance of our organisation. Retha and the team, you have persisted during a difficult period, and we trust that the seeds you have sown will yield a hundred times more than what you have sown.

I want to conclude this report by reminding you about what our Lord said about Himself when He revealed Himself to Moses in Ex 34:6: *"The LORD, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin."* This is the God we serve.



Jannie de Villiers
Chairperson

3. Focus areas of Revive Our Hearts South Africa

3.1. DEVELOPMENT OF ROH RESOURCES

3.1.1 Seeking Him Podcasts

The *Seeking Him* podcasts are still posted in English on weekdays, together with voice recordings in Afrikaans and Tsonga. The recipients of the whatsapps then send it to their various contact groups. This makes it very difficult to determine the actual distribution but we know these messages are well received and spread to further networks.

We are in the process of recruiting translators and voice recorders for the *Seeking Him* podcasts into other South African languages. Good progress has been made with one of the targeted languages, namely Sepedi/Northern Sotho. We are progressing more slowly than anticipated with Setswana, Seswathi, Sesotho and Zulu. We want the project to be Spirit-filled and therefore want the translation to be a passion and not just a task. It is furthermore essential to ensure that the theological knowledge of the translator is pure.



Testimony: Walter Loots, a missionary in Bosbokrand



I just want to say that the messages you send every day are being well-distributed. Covid has been a problem for months, but Father God provides us with ways to get the Tsonga message to as many women as possible. Especially old grandmothers, who cannot read or write and usually do not have a phone and others who can only phone or sms, appreciate it so much. I fortunately have a signal enhancer so wherever I am in the outdoors, I can receive your whatsapps and voice messages.

Testimony: Pastor of Samaria Full Gospel Church

listened to a Seeking Him message "Faith in the Dark" in Tsonga after she lost her son.

"Sesi (Sister) we go through different things, but listening to the messages about God strengthens us, it gives us power, encourages us. This is our daily bread and we love it. When it comes to Seeking Him, we need to pray for each other, to the point that a person shouldn't think that God is not real, because sometimes we pray and feel like God is not listening, but when we receive messages like these, it encourages us. Yes, there are times when you will pray and feel like you are not heard. However, I will continue to pray, no matter what. May God continue to bless you."

Testimony: Isolde Swanepoel of FamilyLife SA



I love to listen to Nancy de Moss Wolgemuth's Seeking Him one-minute talks on a variety of very important life issues. What amazes me is the great teaching she can pack into one minute. The fact that she could manage this, inspired the FamilyLife team to work through our Weekend to Remember conference in 2-minute podcasts. We have just posted the final 2 minute talk. FamilyLife SA is indebted to Nancy for setting an example of 'less is more' in her excellent Seeking Him podcasts.

3.1.2 Translation of ROH Booklets

The book, *Freedom through Forgiveness* has been translated into Afrikaans. Five hundred of the translated books were printed with the assistance of financial donars. The book is handed out, at no cost, as part of Revive Our Hearts SA's promotional material.

Abigail, Biblical Portrait of Womanhood and *Portrait of a Woman Used by God* are translated but still need to be set for printing.

3.2. DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ROH PRODUCTS

3.2.1 YouTube Channel

The *Revive Our Heart SA* YouTube channel is growing gradually and currently has 631 subscribers. Our main goal is to make the truths of the Bible regarding personal revival and Biblical womanhood available in Afrikaans.

The video recordings for the channel were again made possible by the financial support of ROH USA.



Fifty-nine new videos were posted during the past year:

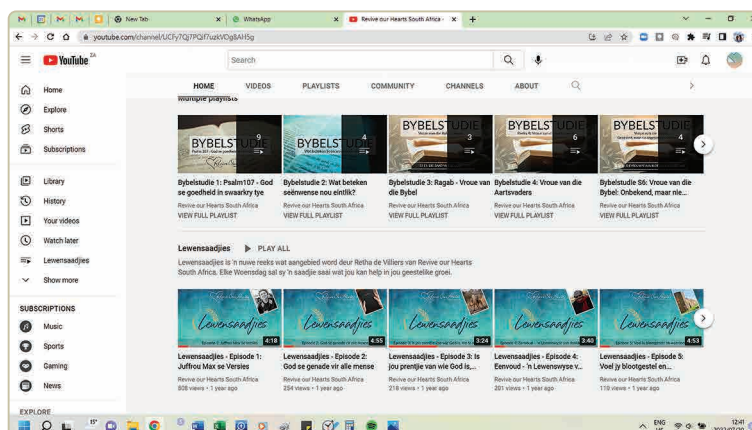
- 42 Living Seeds
- Bible study series about:
 - **Wives of the patriarchs** – 6 episodes
 - **Elizabeth** – 3 episodes
 - **Unknown women of the Bible** – 4 episodes
 - **Ruth** – 4 episodes

Interesting comparative statistics:

	Sept 2020 – 28 Feb 2021	1 Mar 2021 – 28 Feb 2022
New Subscribers	368	263
Views	6563	10 400
Viewing hours	328.2	713

The most popular videos remain the Bible study about Psalm 107: *God's goodness in difficult times*. The first episode has already had 1 864 views.

The most popular Living Seeds message was episode 26: *Lord, teach me how to pray; I no longer know how to*. It has already had 497 views.



3.2.2 Vrou ... deur God geskep (Woman ... Created by God)



The study series, *Vrou ... deur God geskep (Woman ... Created by God)*, has been completed. The launching of the product was done on every possible media channel in February 2022 and is available at R350.00 per package. The package includes the study guide and 15 video sessions. One hundred packages were made available and several have already been sold. An exemplar of the package was presented to Isolde Swanepoel of *FamilyLife* for distribution on their platforms and for use in their ministry.

All honour to the Lord for the opportunity and completion of the project. Our prayer is that the product will be used for His glory. Our thanks go out to Marisa Badenhorst (author), Lizelle Steenkamp (layout), those who helped with editing and proofreading and *Lens Flare Productions* for the completion of this resource.

3.3 EQUIPPING AND SUPPORT OF WOMEN MINISTRY LEADERS

3.3.1 Support of leaders

Testimony: Marietjie Rossouw, pastor's wife from Hendrina writes:



When I asked Retha whether she had any advice regarding the presentation of a Bible study from Vreugdevol Vrou (Divine Design) for our congregation's women, I did not expect her to be so kind as to present it via two Zoom sessions. I could therefore invite my friends to participate. It worked well and it was most enjoyable that we could do it together as a group.

3.3.2 ROH SA Ambassadors' program

The Ambassadors' program makes it possible for a *Revive Our Hearts* SA Ambassador to reach out to women leaders in her area. The aim is to maintain contact, to encourage and to provide material available from *Revive Our Hearts* SA.

There are currently 19 women in the George area being supported by Wilmie van Tonder, the ROH Ambassador. They represent 12 congregations or ministries. Wilmie has a specific time each week that she tries to see each leader in person. During this time she can get to know her, support, encourage and introduce her to new material. It is valuable time that is bearing fruit, for Wilmie as well.

In November 2021 Wilmie brought a large group of women together for a Christmas tea. The idea was to build relationships, to get to know one another better and to establish a culture of praying together. The occasion was a huge success.

Wilmie also had regular contact with 5 women in Bloemfontein during the year.

She meets with her group leaders monthly and every second month she meets with the Ambassador's group she has been allocated to through ROH USA. There are also monthly prayer meetings and training opportunities for the ambassadors, which she mostly watches the recordings of. Wilmie also had the privilege to attend the *Ambassador's Summit* online.



3.3.3 ROH SA Regional Ministry Partners (RMP)

The aim of the Regional Ministry Partners is to be a strategic contact for ROH SA in a town or city and to introduce the ministry in her area.

Angie Grobler remains our RMP in Nelspruit. She invited women in Nelspruit and the surrounding areas together for the *Grounded Conference*. Forty-five women attended a live-streaming of the conference in her church's building. Angie sold books and promoted *Revive Our Hearts* SA at the conference.

Corné Loots, who is part of the ROH team, relocated to Harrismith and she is now also part of the RMP team. She writes: "My mandate in Harrismith is to introduce the ROH SA ministry and to expand it. I am starting in Harrismith, but want to include the surrounding towns. Personally my calling is to minister to women, with the focus on adult women in the African culture."

Cecelia Ströhfeldt is the new RMP in Bloemfontein. She has already built up a personal library of ROH SA books that she uses as resources to introduce the literature to the women. She had a most successful book exhibition at a ladies' morning at her church.



Angie Grobler



Corné Loots



Cecelia Ströhfeldt



3.3.4 ROH SA team members

The ROH SA team consists of 8 dedicated volunteers. One of the founding committee members of ROH SA, Marinda Prinsloo, unfortunately had to resign due to work responsibilities. Our sincere thanks to Marinda for the five years that she was part of the team.

Thank you!

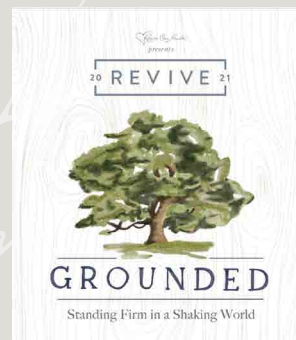
3.4 EQUIPPING AND SUPPORT OF WOMEN OF ALL GENERATIONS AND CULTURES

3.4.1 Women in general

Grounded Conference

Revive Our Hearts SA presented the *Grounded Conference* of ROH USA on 30 October. We chose three of the sessions to be part of our conference, namely:

- *Grounded in the gospel*: Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth
- *Grounded in community*: Dannah Gresh
- *Grounded in the Word*: Chris Brooks

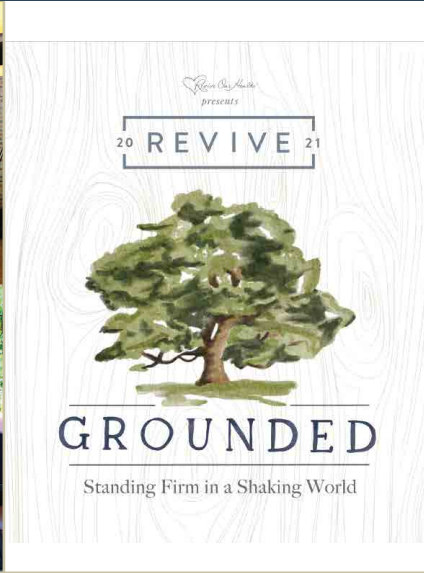


The conference was attended by 70 women and was live-streamed to 3 other locations at the time. There were 45 women in Nelspruit, 25 in Bloemfontein and 6 in Harrismith who attended the streaming sessions. Subsequently, the conference was also shown to approximately 20 women at a mission station in KwaZulu-Natal and in Zambia.

We are very thankful for the partnership with W@W Ministries, without whom we would not have been able to successfully host this event.

At the event the "Vrou ... deur God geskep" (Woman ... created by God) was launched, as well as *True Girl SA*. Good feedback was received about the content of the conference, the praise and worship and the venue. The women also enjoyed being able to fellowship together again.





It is with huge gratitude that we give all honour to the Lord for His tangible presence and encouragement of so many women.



Women attending the Grounded livestream Conference in Bloemfontein



Radio

Retha de Villiers continues with the weekly Living Seeds insert on the Agricultural program "Koskas" on Caledon FM.



Magazines

Marisa Badenhorst writes a monthly article for women, "Pêrels vir die vrou" (Pearls for women), in the Grain SA magazine. Other articles of hers have also been published in "Juig!" (Joy!) magazine over the last two years.

Bible study groups

Numerous Bible study groups are still using ROH resources.

Testimony: Marlee Volschenk, a missionary in Madagascar, writes:

My Malgasy English-speaking friends, Vola and Hasina, bubbled with excitement when I placed the ROH Bible study books in front of them, after a visit to South Africa. In this way a very unique ladies' Bible study started, mainly in English, but where I translate the video sessions bit by bit into Malgasy for my dear friends. Each get-together is very special and fulfilling for me. I cannot praise the Lord enough for the Revive Our Hearts material and W@W Bible studies.

Testimony: True Woman 101 Bible study group

What a remarkable 8 weeks we had! Five of us gathered for 8 consecutive weeks every Friday morning, early (yes, 06h15!), to work through Divine Design. Initially none of us knew what to expect and we came with our own set of expectations and needs. But God knew! And he used the same material to meet each one of us exactly where we were at. What an amazing God we serve.



True Woman 101

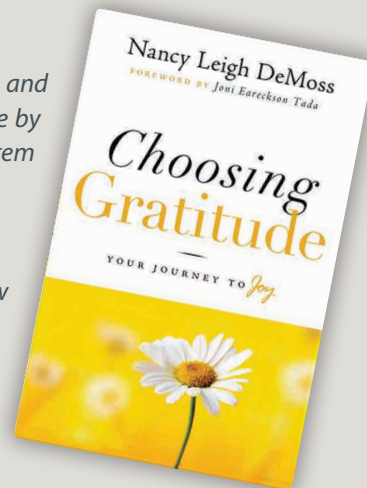
True Woman 101 is life changing. It is filled with Biblical truths that transform, equip, and empower us to really become who God has called us to be. This course has changed me by showing me how many lies I believed. I am so thankful that my wrong, cultural belief system about womanhood could be replaced with His Truth.

Sanet Grobler from Bergsig Congregation in George writes:

What a delightful privilege that 81 women, divided into different small groups, could grow together with this wonderful book, Choosing Gratitude: Your Journey to Joy.

Heléne Crafford writes:

I am a member of a group of nine young women who meet weekly to do the Bible study, Vreugdevol Vrou (Divine Design). We are all young mothers with small children, each on our own road to a better understanding of what it means to be a good mother in God's eyes in this challenging 21st century. The Bible study provides a safe environment where we can share the stumbling blocks of being a woman in these times.



Podcasts

Deoné van der Merwe writes:

On my way to work I have been listening to the Ruth podcast series for the past two weeks. Within the first two days these 30 minutes became my favourite time of the day. For me it was a revelation to study God's Word in depth. I learnt how the Word of God can change us, sanctify us, and support us on our journey with Him. The book of Ruth is a perfect example of how God uses ordinary women to reveal His immeasurable grace and love. I am thankful for Nancy's gift of bringing Truth to a book I am familiar with, but breaking open a new way of reading and understanding God's Word. I identified with a character in the Bible, even though our circumstances differ. Like Ruth, I desperately need my Redeemer. I was reminded of how important it is to follow God with my whole heart, even though it is not always easy. As a young woman I was reminded daily of God's love for me and how He can change people, circumstances, and hearts. Above all, I was reminded of His immeasurable grace, forgiveness, goodness, and love. The Ruth Podcast series was a wonderful blessing.



W@W Online Ministries

ROH SA'S team members are still involved in Bible study presentations and daily United in Prayer sessions. It is a privilege for us to work closely with W@W Online Ministries. We can truly say that we learn a great deal from them and their support regarding technical matters is invaluable.



STANDING UNITED in prayer

speaker
RETHA DE VILLIERS

Please join us online for 15 minutes

Weekdays
at 7:00am (EST) / 12:00pm (CET) / 13:00pm (SAST)

Connect Via:
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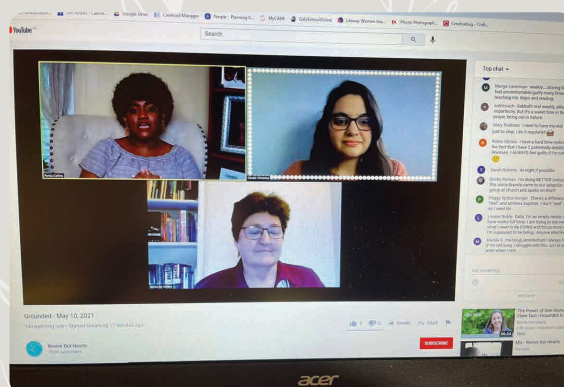
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Retha and her daughter Gerdie had the opportunity to share a message of hope and comfort during Covid, on the weekly Grounded program of ROH USA.

3.4.2 Women across different cultures

Vastfontein

Corné Loots is still involved in different Bible study groups amongst the support staff at Vastfontein School who are doing *Lies Women Believe*.

Harrismith

Corné Loots has also started with a new group in Harrismith for women who speak different African languages, where she uses Christian fundamentals in her work.

3.4.3 Younger generation

True Girl South Africa

True Girl SA was introduced in October 2021 at the *Grounded Conference*. Annalien Prinsloo, from Bloemfontein, answered “yes” to the call to reach the younger generation with the truths about Biblical womanhood. Annalien was introduced to Dannah Gresh of the *True Girl Ministries* and was given permission that *True Girl SA* may continue as part of her ministry.

True Girl SA functions under the mentorship and covering of ROH SA in South Africa.



Pure Hope Girls

Leanie de Korte gathers around the Word with thirteen 13 year old girls from Pure Hope School each Friday morning.

Leanie writes: The group is particularly happy and spontaneous and they are not shy of controversial questions and discussions. They definitely keep me on my toes, knees and researching. Their honest answers and open discussions are a refreshing experience. I receive positive testimonies from the teachers. It is lovely to hear this, but the growth in my own life is a huge blessing. It is a privilege that we can build into one another's lives even though our life circumstances, experiences and situations are at the extremes of the spectrum.



3.5 INTRODUCTION AND EXPANTION OF ROH SA

As the Covid regulations were gradually lifted, so ROH SA could be introduced at various events last year. One such occasion was a bookstall at Busstop 7's open air market.

In February 2022 ROH SA was part of a special Table Talks function which was presented by Suria Scholtz from *A Vivid Life Blog* and *Ethnos Ministries International*. The aim of the function was to make ROH resources available to women in George and the surrounding areas. Retha de Villiers was the main speaker for the morning and ministered from Psalm 107. Maureen Beetge from *George Methodist Church*, Dawn Whitehead from *Hope Church* and Marlee Volskenk, a missionary from Madagascar, shared powerful testimonies about the impact of the *True Woman 101* study and other ROH books on their lives. Many books were sold.



Marisa Badenhorst was a speaker at events in Barkley East, Reitz and Pretoria where she also introduced ROH SA.



3.6 OPERATIONAL PROJECTS TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY

3.6.1 Social Media

We have seen a gradual, but constant increase in the number of followers on ROH SA's social media platforms.

Number of subscribers		Sept 2020 - 28 Feb 2021	Mar 2021 - 28 Feb 2022
	FACEBOOK	873	950
	INSTAGRAM	193	255
	APP	832	1625

Facebook

It appears that photos that are posted, as well as *Living Seeds* messages, are very popular and attract the most interaction.

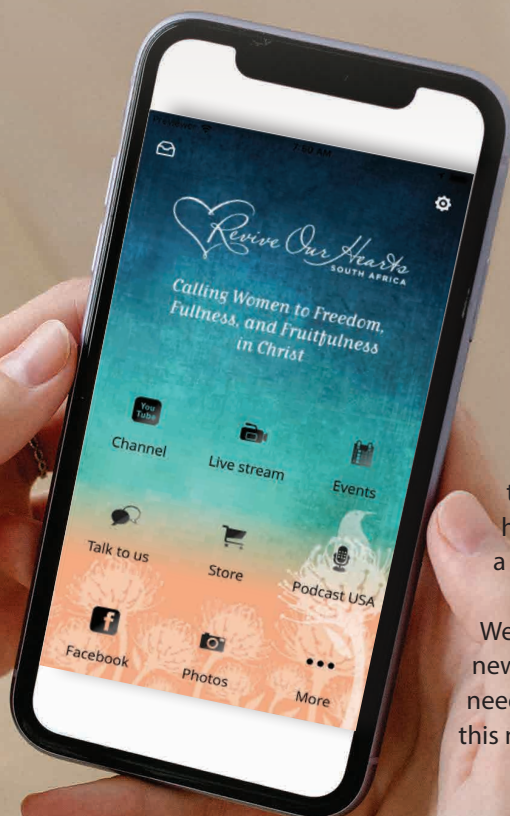
App

The most popular page on the APP remains Nancy's podcasts, as well as About Us.

ROH SA Webpage

The most popular pages were still the Bible studies and resources. The Bible study, *Where is God in difficult times?*, generated the most interest with 186 visits, followed by the Course page with 67 visits and the Resources page with 62 visits.

It was pleasing to see that there was an increase in visits to the Podcasts, Newsletters and Videos pages.



3.6.2 Newsletters

The newsletters are sent out monthly in English and Afrikaans. We wish to thank each person who sent a testimony, as well as the team for the hard work to ensure that newsletters of a high standard are sent out.

We are thankful for new subscribers to the newsletters, but we realize that more effort needs to be made to increase awareness of this monthly offering.

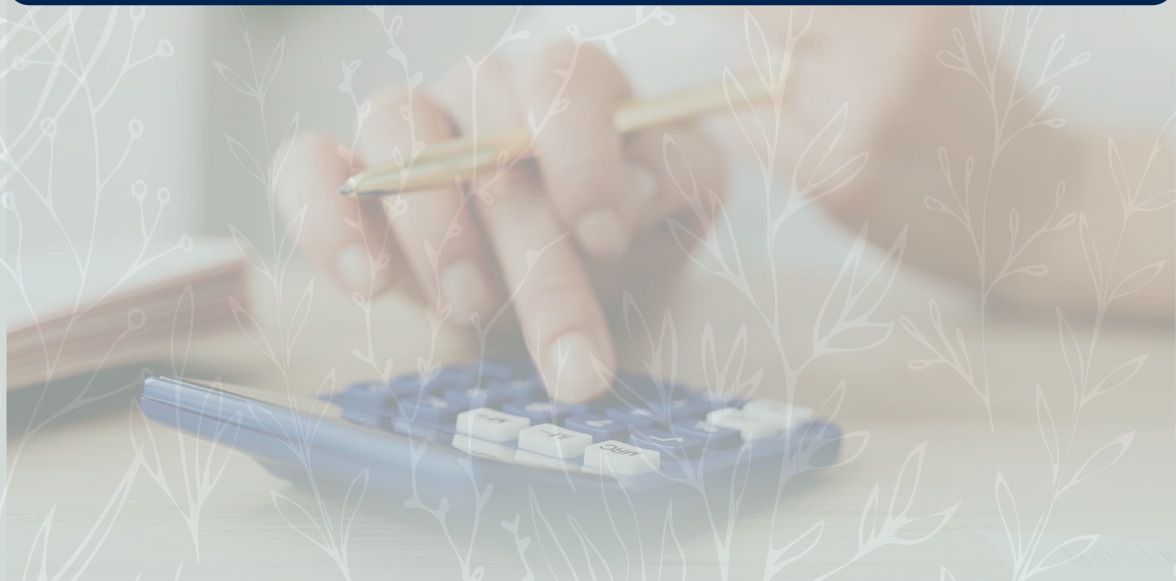
	Sept 2020 - 28 Feb 2021	Mar 2021 - 28 Feb 2022
Total Subscribers	656	709
Afrikaans	517	499
English	139	210



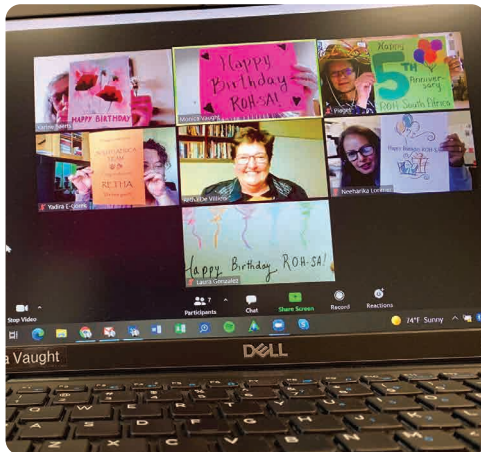
3.7 FINANCIAL REPORT

Income	2022	%	2021	%
Surplus from Sales	39 206	25%	13 632	14%
Donations	113 547	72%	74 630	80%
Interest income	4 992	3%	5 304	6%
Income Total	157 745		93 566	

Expenses	2022	%	2021	%
Accounting Fees	5 965	5%	5 986	7%
Sundry	9 682	8%	10 499	12%
App development/expenses	1 490	1%	1 787	2%
Bank charges	2 163	2%	2 039	2%
Ministry Trans-Cultural	21 690	19%	20 760	23%
Book donations	5 919	5%	-	-
Conferences	24 850	21%	-	-
Printing and Stationery	4 568	4%	1 050	1%
Travel and Accommodation	2 163	2%	-	-
Digital Ministry	38 300	33%	46 900	53%
Expenses Total	116 790		89 021	
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	40 955		4 545	



3.8 FINAL WORD



ROH SA celebrated our 5th birthday in June 2021 and it is with much gratitude that we can testify about God's faithfulness and provision during this time. The Covid regulations over the past two years provided challenges for the ministry, but also provided growth opportunities that will be to the benefit of the ministry in future, especially regarding technology.

The completion of the *Vrou ... deur God geskep* (Woman ... created by God) course and the birth of *True Girl SA* are highlights of the year. We are excited and expectant to see the fruit of His work in this regard.

A huge THANK YOU to each of the volunteers in the ROH SA team who has put in many hours to enable everything mentioned in this report. We wish to recognize:

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| • Jackie Arndt | – finances, language editing and presentations |
| • Marisa Badenhorst | – language editing, administration and presentations |
| • Carin le Roux | – social media and administration |
| • Mercia van der Merwe | – translations, language editing and administration |
| • Leanie de Korte | – leadership support, administration and presentations |
| • Corné Loots | – translations and transcultural ministry |
| • Lizelle Steenkamp | – graphic design |

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Pearl Maluleke

Thank you also to Wilmie van Tonder, Angie Grobler and Cecelia Ströhfeldt for the passion with which you promote the ministry in your areas.

Thanks to the service providers *Probity Advisory* and *Lens Flare Productions* for your support.



Edna van Zyl

Lastly, a huge thank you to Martin Jones, Monica Vaught and everyone at *Revive Our Hearts USA* for your advice, encouragement and support.

*"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever."* – Psalm 107:1

Retha de Villiers
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