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Five farmers who radically changed their way of working

I Will Heal Their Land is a beautiful book written by Berthine Heederik about five farmers who radically changed their way of farming. Returning to how God intended it in the beginning. Exhausted soil recovers. Is the end of poverty in sight?

Berthine Heederik interviewed five farmers: Brian Oldreive, Gabe Brown, Tony Rinaudo, Joel Salatin, and Deon Labuschagne. Driven by the desire to see more land restored, she reflects candidly on their discoveries, methods, and how these are all part of the solution to the food problem.

The potential

A rough estimate is that about one-third of the world's agricultural land is cultivated by poor, small-scale farmers. Berthine says about this: *"It is our dream, hope, and prayer that the stories in this book will inspire these farmers and enable them to become good stewards of their land and make it healthy and productive again. Can you imagine what a blessing these farmers would be to their communities if their yields were to double or even increase eight to ten times? We believe that the agricultural techniques described in this book, with God's blessing, can bring this about."*

Bible and Agriculture

Throughout the book, Bible verses applicable to agriculture are interwoven. The core text referring to the book's title comes from 2 Chronicles 7:14: *"And if My people, over whom My Name is proclaimed, humble themselves and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sins, and heal their land."* The chapter 'Restoring Paradise' depicts the story of Deon and Sarah Labuschagne. They worked closely with the Tree of Life Foundation for five years on a project in Malawi, establishing a training center in sustainable agriculture with national and international reach.

A refreshing yet confronting book that makes you think. *I Will Heal Their Land* is available via treeoflife.nl, and the proceeds go entirely to agricultural recovery projects. Anyone who becomes a donor and contributes monthly receives the book as a gift.

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Book information

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Book Summary

'I will Heal Their Land' is a fascinating journey back to the heart of farming. Berthine Heederik takes you through the remarkable life stories of five Christian farmers who all discovered something greater than themselves.

Yearning for a new perspective on their land, these farmers cried for God's help and saw an ancient promise fulfilled before their eyes.

"If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."
2 Chronicles 7:14

Get inspired by the testimonies of Brian Oldreive, Gabe Brown, Tony Rinaudo, Joel Salatin and Deon Labuschagne, and get a glimpse of Eden and a hope to end hunger.

Driven by her personal desire to see more land restored, Berthine knows how to reflect in a frank manner on their discoveries, their methods and how they all fit together.

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Author biography

Berthine Heederik (1982) studied Rural Development and Innovation at Larenstein University in Wageningen, the Netherlands. At the time of writing this book Berthine was the senior editor of a fundraising television program. Currently she is Project Coordinator for Tree of Life, a foundation that promotes regenerative agriculture in several African countries.

Berthine lives with her husband, Rinke, on a little farm in Groningen, the Netherlands. Here they grow and preserve their own food.

Through her work and personal research she encountered the stories of these five farmers, and felt they had to be shared collectively with the world. 'I Will Heal Their Land' is Berthine's first book.

Visual material

Visual material (free to use) included in the folder:

1. Portrait photo of the author
2. Book cover

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