Bogaard, Johannes

(1881--1974), Dutch farmer who rescued 300 Jews during the Holocaust. Taught by his father to respect the Jews as the people of the Bible, Bogaard felt responsible to help Jews running from the Nazis. He hid Jews on his farm and on the farms of relatives and neighbors.

When the Nazis began deporting Jews from the Netherlands in July 1942, the Bogaard family decided to help Jews escape deportation. When Bogaard heard of Jews who needed his help, he would travel to Amsterdam to get them and bring them to his farm. He did this once or twice a week. At some points, Bogaard, known to those he rescued as "Uncle Hannes," had 100 Jews living at his family farm. He also helped Jews by handing out money, ration cards, and identity papers.

In November 1942 Bogaard's farm was stormed by Dutch Nazis. Over the next few months the Nazis raided his farm another two times, capturing tens of Jews. Bogaard's father, brother, and son were all deported to a German concentration camp where they were killed. By the end of 1943, Bogaard moved most of the Jews under his care to safer locations.

In 1963 Bogaard was designated as Righteous Among The Nations.