Evangelisch-methodistische Kirche

Ich bete für meine Kirche 2014

5–11 January — Mission Department (Evangelisationswerk)

May the glory be to God who can strengthen you with my good news and the message that I preach about Jesus Christ. ... May the glory be to God through Jesus Christ forever!
(Romans 16,25–27 CEB)

Many of us have good intentions for this year: we have set goals; spelled out wishes hoping that they will be fulfilled; or planned projects we want to complete. Maybe we have already entered fixed dates into this year's calendar: when to go on vacation; where to go; what we want to see, experience and accomplish in this year 2014.

Saint Paul's words at the end of his letter to the Romans could help us get oriented at the beginning of this year. They invite us to wonder and praise. Paul reminds us of the reason we have to be hopeful not only during this coming year but at all times and in eternity:

God! The secret of the good news first promised by the prophets and then come true in Jesus Christ gives us strength and support for our life. God who has revealed himself in Jesus calling all the world to obedience in faith. HE alone is wise. And HE goes with us through the year. Glory be to HIM!

Barry Sloan

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I give thanks

- for the many good friends, for those who pray, donate and give support to facilitate the mission work.
- for the many resources and means facilitating our creative, professional, and reliable work throughout Europe.
- for all those people – who would otherwise never have entered a church – who come to meet God in the meetings in our tents.

It is my prayer

- that the preparations for the great festival of dedication of our tent mission center at Laichingen and a day of open doors on May 1st will be a success.
- that the co-workers of the tent mission at Laichigen will complete the remaining works of interior constructions in the administration building.
- that a good successor will be elected for Reverend Christhard Elle who is giving up his ministry as secretary for missionary build-up in the summer of 2014.

The Mission Department helps congregations to share the good news of God's love creatively. Main emphasize is on mission work (Barry Sloan), founding of congregations (Eberhard Schilling), reactivation of congregations (Christhard Elle). The mission work supports congregations throughout Europe with tents and the UMC Mobile (Hans-Martin Kienle) in various missionary activities. Central and regional workshops and consultations are additional provisions.

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