Evangelisch-methodistische Kirche

Ich bete für meine Kirche 2014

30 March to 5 April **Radio Mission (Medienwerk)**

The mountains may shift, and the hills may be shaken, but my faithful love won't shift from you, and my covenant of peace won't be shaken, says the Lord, the one who pities you.
(Isaiah 54,10 CEB)

Despite all trespasses

Some words in the Bible do really good. In the midst of general turmoil God makes this promise: His faithful love will continue, and he will provide good living conditions for all. We really like to hear that! No wonder that this Bible verse has its special place in collections of Biblical quotation and blessing cards.

However, when we consider the Biblical context of this promise, we will find that it is not spoken just "to do good". Because the preceding historic relationship between the people of Israel and God had been badly abused. The people of Israel had decided to go its own ways without God and had relied on its own strength in military arrangements and political alliances. God had held back and let Israel try out this independence: Without God and left to themselves the people experienced a total collapse. Then God imposed many years and even decades of political humiliation, uncertainty, and purification on his people. These experiences were so desperate and so massive that some people began to doubt God altogether. They felt confronted with an almost ruthless and uncompromisingly angry God. And into this total sobering-up and helplessness God makes this promise of his never ending faithful love and protective kindness. God makes it very clear that he does not bear grudge and that he is not angry. God shows himself as a loving father or mother who accept their child no matter how long the list of his or her trespasses is. All the child has to do is to come running into his/her father's or mother's open arms. We can only stand in wonder before such faithful love and kindness of God despite all human failures. – That does really very good!

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I GIVE THANKS

- For the creative possibilities we have today to proclaim the Good News.
- For people who help with enthusiasm to initiate conversations about faith in many ways.
- For financial resources which permit the use of modern media for this purpose.

MY PRAYER IS

- That our church is presented in public in such a way that people become interested in faith in God.
- For our congregations to initiate interest in their surroundings for God and faith when presented through modern media.
- For creatively gifted people in our congregations whose talents are recognized an made useful for mission support.

„We bring the Christian faith to men and women" is the working motto of our work for Radio Mission. A media-friendly presentation is looking for the best means and useable ways of bringing faith to people. This is the commission of the Medienwerk der Evangelisch-methodistischen Kirche (EMK) / Radio Mission of the UMC Germany in Frankfurt/Main

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