Evangelisch-methodistische Kirche

Ich bete für meine Kirche 2014

October 26 to November 1 — Children's Ministry (Kinderwerk)

The Lord said: I now make a covenant...All the people who are around you will see what the Lord has done, because I will do an awesome thing with you.
(Exodus 34,10 CEB)

A Sound Basic

I can understand that: Moses wants to see God's glory, meet him face to face, and intensively feel his power, presence, and love. He wants to see signs to be able to estimate God's power. – I share this desire. I want to be present, when God works. I want to witness God, when he creates, renews, blesses, heals. I personally. My family. My children. Every child in this earth that God has made.
Back to Moses: God answers! Not as the omnipotent, but with love, grace, patience, mercy and understanding. He uncovers what is destructive and separating and forgives. A wonderful experience. But what about tomorrow when concern and doubt become overwhelming? If only this experience could last very long! If only this experience could become important for all generations, young and old! If our children could live with this experience! Not just once, but as long as they live. And that is exactly what God wants, too! He creates a reliability for my life. God has made a covenant with Moses and his people. God gives his people a handshake. His covenant is the sound basic for their life then, and for my life today. The covenant is the setting in which I can experience God and the precious work he does in my life. The best visible example for this covenant is Jesus Christ. When I look at my children and they remind me of all the many children throughout the world, my hope is renewed: We are well grounded on a sound basic.

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I give thanks

- For the wealth of our children.
- For our parents who accept their children on every new day.
- For faithfulness and reliability of those in our mission for children.
- For fresh new ideas in our congregations to create enthusiasm for God in our children and youth.

It is my prayer

- For a new insight that children and families are important for a good development in our church and congregations.
- For a new willingness of volunteers to engage in our mission for children.
- For those in supervisor positions in the mission for children.
- For the planning of the meeting of the mission for children with important settings of the course in November

The EmK Kinderwerk / UMC Mission for Children / wants to lead children to Jesus Christ and stay with Him. We want to assist young people in their personality development. We want to improve children's rights in our church and our society. We want to provide areas of safety in our congregations and our church. We are standing up for the protection of the wellbeing of boys and girls. We want to form together with them "the church of all God's children".

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