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„Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” Luke 6,36

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“Rejoice, rather, that your names are written in heaven!” Luke 10:20 – The disciples come back



enthusiastic from their period of (short-term) ministry! They crowd round the Lord Jesus. They are overjoyed at their ‘success’: “Even the demons submitted to us in your name!” They expect some words of appreciation from Jesus. He doesn’t wish to dampen their joy. He wants to focus on something much greater, something that will always endure, even during setbacks: **“Do not rejoice that...!” – “Rejoice rather..!”** It is not about your work, YOU are the main thing! Jesus wishes to say, “It is not about the power that I am giving you. It is about where you belong! You have been freed from the compulsion to set up a memorial to yourselves. It is only when you are (literally) ‘engraved’ in heaven that you belong to me and that you are citizens of the Kingdom of God. Your names will be kept so

safe by God that they can never be lost.” They are not scribbled on a notepad. In the heavenly ‘database’ of names there is no danger of ‘hacking’ or misuse! What is more: **Only the Eternal One can give eternal life!** In your uniqueness you are **eternally treasured** by God. HE will never forget your name! Knowing this will build your confidence, will carry you through, will make you rejoice and will help you to overcome the challenges of life.

“When the wind of change blows, some will build walls and others, windmills...”



We have to admit that, during these past weeks, our souls were not always in the mood to praise. There was often one pressing matter on our hearts. Sometimes we woke up in the night and could not get back to sleep. In the mornings, we woke up early... Why? It was all about the question: **“What’s going to happen now with PIEU and our Team,** following the departure of our former leader?” We had discussions with co-workers, including some from other missionary organisations, which gave us a deeper insight into their everyday realities.

We realised that the crucial thing is the style of leadership! The **power of hierarchies, structures and traditions** can stifle the Spirit of Jesus! Sometimes we get the impression that we are fairly unique in our attitudes and our moral support for one another in our service together, without hierarchical structures or an individual person in charge. Out of the blue and in the midst of these considerations and inner turmoil we received two text messages. They came from completely different countries but they both had the same idea and the same message: **“You are not alone in this matter!”** **What a weight off our shoulders and what an encouragement!** Since January, our PIEU-Team now has a new leader. Please pray for Rick that he will grow into his new role, and that we will get on well.

What do we do each day?

Even during our strict lockdown when we hardly set foot outside the front door, we have continued **to keep in touch** with a wide range of co-workers, and their particular challenges in all the different countries where they are serving.

Here is but a small selection of them:

John and his wife S. and their two sons in **S. Asia:** currently building up a network for Christians in very sensitive countries. They are providing Bible readings on the Internet for them. We are amazed at how much interest there is. More co-workers are urgently needed for this project! John’s main job is as a software developer and he is a great asset to our PIEU-Team!

M., a Chilean Christian, a good friend of ours: alongside his responsibilities as an executive, he is putting a lot of energy into helping build up a Chilean missionary organisation. He called from Santiago to find out about how world mission can continue during the pandemic. – **S., a young co-worker** and father of three children: he is having great difficulty in sleeping and is constantly tired. After a long conversation and a time of prayer on the telephone, we have made the decision to share his concerns with you. Hans-Georg has been exchanging a lot of WhatsApp-messages with **M.,** a very dedicated and long-serving **co-worker in the Balkans.** The discussions led to an in-depth telephone call, which proved to be easier. M. poured out his heart: the **financial difficulties of his church** are weighing heavily on him. **A., a Finnish co-worker** who is on the same team: she reported to Margret that she was so thankful that her language teacher and her team leader have both finally recovered from the Coronavirus! The **H. family in the USA** and their four children: they would love to join us in Member Care work, but unfortunately, they are still short of a large part of their financial support! **J., a small group leader** in a church who is seeking advice on how he can take part personally in an agricultural project in Africa: In the course of our conversation, it transpired that his family is still mourning the loss of their only daughter just a few years ago...

Hans-Georg is looking ahead to more **live-stream preaching engagements** in the coming weeks! Please pray for him as he prepares and also for the live-streaming to run smoothly.

THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts...

It is such a privilege to be able to share our concerns with you in this way! **We love to hear from YOU,** and to have your news – maybe you have something specific that we could pray for?

Yours, Hans-Georg & Margret

Prayercorner

Praise God for...

- Our names in the Book of Life
- Encouragement at just the right time
- Our dedicated co-workers worldwide
- YOU: Our Mission Team

Please pray for...

- Rick our new PIEU leader
- Financial support: the H. Family
- J. & family: comfort & guidance
- Manuel’s future

What are you occupied with?

What would you like us to pray for?

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