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Jesus took the Twelve aside and said, "Look, we're going up to Jerusalem, and everything written about the Holy One will be accomplished. (Luke 18,31 CEB)

There's a future for our hopes and dreams

Sometimes our dreams are fulfilled. Last summer, my wife and I actually managed to fulfil one of our dreams. Early in the morning we climbed the very steep path up to Huayna Picchu in the Peruvian Andes. On reaching the summit, we had to wait about 45 minutes until the early morning mist disappeared. Then we were able to enjoy the fantastic view from this peak to the surrounding mountains some of which are 5,000 metres above sea level. But the most impressive sight was Machu Picchu below us. It was a magical moment in which the wonder of the Creation and the Creator was revealed to us once more in all clarity.

It certainly wasn't a dream that was accomplished for Jesus in Jerusalem. On the contrary. He was arrested, ridiculed, whipped and murdered on the

cross. But then the promise made in verse 32 was fulfilled: Jesus rose up again from the dead. Which accomplishes something that is almost like a dream for us. Jesus puts us and our lives straight with God. Our relationship with God is no longer hindered by our faults and our shortcomings, our guilt and our sin. We can and may begin our lives anew, no matter what our past was like. This means that there's a future for our hopes and dreams which will constantly be fulfilled and accomplished!

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I GIVE THANKS

- for the wonderful echo and support received by EmK World Missions for its Christmas campaign "Donate Light", which has helped us to fulfil a dream for many people in West Africa.
- for the many wishes and encouraging cards and e-mails etc. which the EmK World Missions staff received over Christmas and the New Year.

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- for the Janietz family currently on home leave in Germany who will be visiting many churches - that their encounters may be fruitful and that they may be protected from problems and accidents on their travels.
- for Kathrin Mittwollen and Casjen Ennen, working on our behalf to prepare the next campaign "Children Help Children", during the course of which they will be visiting our partner church in Brazil.
- for Musi Losaba, who took up his office as new Missions Secretary for the Methodist Church in Southern Africa in 1 January. May God give him all the wisdom, patience and strength that he needs for this job.

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