

August 5 to 11

Evangelism Work

**The nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom God has chosen as his possession, is truly happy! (Psalm 33: 12 NRSV)**

## To wellbeing!

Words of encouragement directed at the people of Israel out of the Psalms. Israel, the Jews, God's chosen people.

What does this mean for us, when we hear these words 2500 years later? This is also a challenge for us to consider the essential part of life. Yes, even after so many years, this also means us. We are also, so to say, the "nation" referred to here. If we were to exchange the word "nation" for "people", the central message in this verse would become very personal. "The people whose God is the LORD, the people whom God has chosen as his possession, are truly happy!"

The good news is that, in the New Testament, also those people outside of Israel are included. God has chosen you. You are made in the image of God.

With his Spirit, his breath has given you life. You are unique, wanted, loved and of endless worth. Enough! To recognize this, really does us good, don't you think? Happy are you, O man, O woman, when you recognize this.

So this promise invites us to let God really be Lord in our lives. If this God who created me and loves me so much, can be Lord of my life, then I am happy and blessed, and all is well with me. Sure, I won't be spared the difficult times in my life, but when God is my Lord, he will work everything for the good. Then his blessing can reach the "whole nation" through me, for the good of all.

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## I give thanks

- for the successful repair & renovation of the "emk-mobil" after an accident had rendered the vehicle unroadworthy
- for the many resources & aids which enable us to carry out a creative, professional and reliable work across Europe
- for the new voluntary workers who have joined our team

## I pray

- for the co-workers of the tent mission in Laichingen and their families, for good team-work in the new team
- for blessing in our churches and new impetus through the 40 day campaign "Frühling in der Kirche" (Spring in the Church)
- for blessing on the work of the tent mission across Europe and the "emk-mobil" this season

## Evangelism Work

Passing on the good news of God's love in new and relevant ways – this is how the Evangelism Work is supporting our churches. Main emphasis: evangelizing (Barry Sloan), church planting (Eberhard Schilling) and congregational development (Anne Detjen). With the tents & vehicles of the Tent Mission (led by Hans-Martin Kienle) the work is supporting churches throughout Europe in various evangelistic campaigns. Central & regional training plus counseling is also on offer.

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