



Ich bete für meine Kirche 2018

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EmK World Missions

Carry each other's burdens and so will you fulfil the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2 CEB)

What Christ expects of us.

I'm standing on the train in a short queue waiting for it to arrive at my station. Right at the front, there is a lady with a pushchair, together with her two children and their luggage. "This could take a while", I think. But no, right next to this young woman a couple of other passengers immediately help to bring her with her children and their luggage safely onto the platform.

So it seems that in everyday situations it does happen that people help each other, to share the load and – from a Christian perspective – to pass on the love of God, in a practical way. To fulfil the "Law of Christ". On a much larger scale, however, when it comes to dealing with the disparity between rich and poor countries, the idea becomes much less popular. The phrase "America first", for instance, sets an extremely bad example which has been keenly imitated by others.

This goes fundamentally against the law of Christ, which is to help each other, and especially to share the burden of the weak, the poor and the disadvantaged. All the more reason why we as Christians should show a personal example here. To help share the load in a practical way, like on the train, or through sharing the gifts which we as a people in Germany have richly received. But we are also required as a society – or a church – to raise our voices and speak out against the unchristian egoism displayed by many states: and to clearly name those responsible. For that is what Christ expects of us.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

- the Janietz family, who recently returned to Sierra Leone, to take up their work there again, after furlough in Germany. Please include the teachers and pupils of the UMC schools in Sierra Leone where Melanie Janietz also works
- the teachers and pupils, especially, at the Njagboima school in Bo. This school was recently damaged by a heavy storm, and many of the buildings are in need of renovation
- our missionary Olav Schmidt, who recently returned to Germany on furlough from Malawi. His family will join him in July
- the Schmidts especially at this time, that their travel arrangements go well. That they may be protected on their journeys, and that the work in Malawi brings help to the people there, and that they may be blessed.

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