

July 14 to 20

Evangelism Work

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

Tears run down my face. I try to wipe them away discreetly. But I'm finding it hard to bear the picture that I've just seen on the screen of my laptop while waiting at the airport. It is the shocking photo of the bodies of a young man and his two-year-old daughter on the banks of the Rio Grande. A young family from El Salvador. Father and daughter drowned trying to cross the border river from Mexico to the USA. I am appalled.

Just before seeing this news, I read in the Bible "Carry each other's burdens and so you will fulfil the law of Christ." All around me at the airport I see signs of this verse being put into effect. People help each other with their luggage. Carry cases for each other. Literally carry each other's burdens. I also see signs of this being put into effect in churches week after week. People share life with each other. They share joy and sorrow. Such signs can also be seen in the church on an international scale as well: I'm

just on my way back from a meeting in London where decisions were taken to distribute millions in funds and development aid for projects all around the world. Galatians 6.2 in action!

Here in Europe we have it good. In other parts of the world things are not going so well. No great surprise that people are trying to find a better future elsewhere.

Do we want to fulfil the law of Christ? Then let's get on with it! Let's carry each other's burdens so that we never have to see such dreadful pictures again. At least let us try, for God's sake.

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I give thanks

- for the refurbishment and conversion of the emk vehicle. This mobile café lets us be a blessing to many people and churches.
- for the creativity and commitment of all those working in the Tent Mission led by Hans-Martin Kienle.
- for the Tent Mission's many assignments this year.

I pray

- for the Evangelism Work team, that they may be a blessing to many churches, bringing God's grace and bearing fruit to His glory.
- for continued fruitful cooperation on all levels of the church to keep evangelisation and mission always in the focus of all the church does.
- for open, friendly churches where people can experience the welcome and love of God.
- for the Tent Mission's assignments in Lithuania and Norway this week.

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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), congregational development (Christhard Elle) and Tent Mission (Hans-Martin Kienle). With the tents and the "emk vehicle" of the Tent Mission, the work is supporting churches throughout Europe in various evangelistic campaigns. Central & regional training plus counselling is also provided.

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