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Omnipotence and Discipleship

Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

(Matthew 28:18-20)

Dear brothers and sisters,

Because Jesus is the almighty God who overcame death, we should live our lives turned towards people from all nations and invite them to live a new life with Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit. When we live in this way, Jesus is with us wherever we go.

Our current concerns:

SAHARA: Bible Teacher for New Tuareg Christians

An event reminiscent of God visiting Abraham in his tent at noon time took place. Jesus appeared to a Tuareg leader and his wife, as they were resting in their tent. Jesus told them to be baptized and to follow him. The man reached out to me (Yassir Eric), and I visited and baptized him. Since then, we have been looking for a young disciple willing to travel with these nomads and instruct them in faith and discipleship. Pray with us that the Lord would raise up the right person with the needed language skills and training to take on this challenge in the Southern Sahara Desert.

CENTRAL ASIA: CM Consultation

The Lord is doing great things in Central Asia. Discipleship making movements have risen up throughout this huge geographical area in the former Soviet Union.

After the successful consultation and establishment of regional representation for CM in the Western African region, we are looking forward to the long-planned consultation to be held this summer for the Central Asia region. Due to restrictions imposed by COVID-19, we have now been waiting for three years to have a follow-up consultation to officially establish Communio Messianica in the Stan states. Our team has been working with many leaders from this area since our last consultation. We are excited to be at a point where these local Central Asian men and women of God, leaders of the Lord's Church in their own right, can move ahead in establishing the Communio Messianica framework and infrastructure within their nations. Pray with us, that the right representatives will be able to travel and attend the consultation, and that the spirit would guide all the deliberations and actions needed to be taken.

GERMANY: Registration Process

CM has had an international structure — including an international council and international executive board complete with a constitution and bylaws — for more than three years now. As the organization grows, and we add more people to the team, it has become necessary to establish national branches. We started by establishing an NGO in Switzerland.

Currently, we are in the process of registering CM within Germany. Establishing CM in Germany is important for the purpose of maintaining an administrative infrastructure for the global network.

On the 11th of April 2023, Communio Messianica was legally formed and we are currently waiting for the paperwork to be signed by the authorities.

The tax authorities have indicated that CM will receive the status of a charitable organisation. Please pray that the paperwork will be approved quickly, and that we can continue to establish the required organizational infrastructure.

WORLDWIDE: CM Team

We are so grateful for an ever-growing number of gifted and dedicated co-workers in the CM effort.

The Lord has been good in providing co-workers with exactly the skills needed to move forward in establishing the CM network worldwide. Some of these individuals have been seconded to CM for some time by agencies that want to see CM flourish, others are to be employed directly by CM.

Please pray that the Lord would raise the resources needed to sustain and grow this vital team of co-workers for His ministry within the fast-growing MBB community.

TURKEY AND SYRIA:

We are so proud of the MBB churches and communities in Turkey and northern Syria for their selfless service to the needy and those suffering from the devastating earthquakes in their region. We are so grateful to all those who have enabled us to give resources to the casualties of the earthquakes. At times it seems like what we have been able to give is just a pittance in view of the great need in those areas. However, time and time again we are reminded of how appreciated our brothers and sisters are for sharing what they have and giving their time and energy to those in need. Pray with us that the necessary resources would continue to flow in, and that the brothers and sisters in the region would receive an extra measure of strength and grace to be able to cope with the challenges at hand.

Hundreds of thousands are homeless, many have lost family members to the tragedy and our MBB community is struggling. The needs are indescribable. Despite this, we praise God that our brothers and sisters are salt and light in these disastrous circumstances. Please pray with us that they can effectively share the love, mercy, compassion, and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, with the sorely afflicted members of the majority community.

Thank you for supporting us in prayer.

Shalom - May the peace of our Lord be with you.

Yassir Eric and colleagues.

