

READY TO FULFILL THE CALL OF MISSION & EVANGELISM

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In two months we will end the page of 2021. Last October, we were blessed through the Online Retreat Seminar GMI 2021. According to the chosen theme, “Be ready and be prepared” (Matt. 25:10; Rev. 19:7), all of us who have attended this seminar have been reminded by God about the plan of His second coming. We can only meet the Lord when we are ready and prepared to welcome His coming. Therefore, let us not fall asleep spiritually and in bringing the news of salvation in the midst of the world and nations that are against God in these last days. The entire GMI congregation should be filled with the Holy Spirit so we can be His living witnesses and can continue to preach Christ who has come to be the redeemer of man from the darkness of this world. We are called to be a blessing in mission and evangelism in our present times. Every church of God should be able to increasingly illuminate the surrounding darkness. To achieve that we as His church are called to keep trying to build the unity and the union of the body of Christ that is getting more firm and strong, so together we can complete the mission and evangelism that He has entrusted to us. Our guide verse for November and December 2021 is taken from Acts 4:25-26 which says, “You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: ‘Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.’” This was part of the early church's prayer to God when Peter and John were released from the Religious Court under threat. But in the midst of that threat they begged God to give them the courage to preach the word of God and perform miracles (verses 29-30). And while they were praying, that the Lord visited them and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, then they preached the word of God boldly (verse 31). This is important news that brings blessings to us and encourages us to continue praying, so that before everything ends, there is one thing that will definitely happen and be fulfilled, that's the preaching of the gospel of His Kingdom will happen in all the world as a witness to all nations (Matthew 24:14). The world's population on October 31, 2021 is predicted to reach 7.85 billion people. The population in Indonesia is predicted to be 271.3 million, in Germany there are 83.1 million people and in the Netherlands there are 17.6 million people. Knowing these data present a challenge for us His church to work even harder to advance in mission & evangelism. In periods of rapid change, the spread of the Gospel of the Kingdom needs to move quickly both in Indonesia and also in the places where we are in order to be a witness to all nations without exception. If in 2021 we have been meditating what our theme is, namely: “Become a church that's getting ready & stronger” (Luke 12:40; 2 Peter 1:10), then in the end all of this will lead us to take a part in completing the last commission of implementations missions and evangelism. The church is the body of Christ and may the church continue to win souls until He comes again. The soul-winning church will still be used by God as a blessing, because evangelism is the core of God's plan for the nations. The current need is to understand the status of the church as a living organism bestowed by the Holy Spirit. The church is not just an organization that is an institution formed by the world. We should rejoice because a new missionary age has begun. Resources such as high-technology and mission funding resources are being continually raised by God through His church to complete mission and evangelism commission. Mission and evangelism are our responsibility together as His church and the whole body of Christ. May the Indonesian Mission Church (GMI) in Europe continue to grow and develop for the glory of His name. Let's keep praying and perform God's mission, Amen!

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