

Staying firm in fulfilling your call of Mission

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(Acts 1:8, NIV)

Praise be to God, that last October, there were representatives from the GMI congregations in Germany and the Netherlands who had attended the Seminar & KKR in Frankfurt instead of the Retreat Encounter & GMI Family Days 2022 which had to be changed, because the place for the Retreat is used for the purposes of refugees from Ukraine. The Lord Jesus has given all participants strength and confirmation through His servant Mr. Ps. Otto Hutapea from San Francisco who has shared the blessings of His Word. With the pandemic for more than 2 years, this is our meeting again in 2022. How important it is that every member of the Body of Christ can be strengthened and confirmed in the Retreat Encounter & GMI Family Days event. And praise God, if in 2023 the GMI congregation in Braunschweig has found a retreat place. The Retreat Encounter is an important time for achieving GMI's vision and mission. Let us continue to carry it in prayer, so that in the year 2023 that will come every member of the body of Christ throughout GMI can have a great desire to gather together again. Our Retreat Theme for 2023 is about how we can become „Jospehs in this generation" and in this difficult time. I still need to remind the theme of the last seminar & KKR, which is "Be strong & encouraging" (Joshua 1:9), "Be strong and make your heart strong". And in this seminar and KKR we have been taught, namely how we can be strong and firm spiritually and living spiritually in this life. And in this November & December 2022, our theme is "Remain steadfast in fulfilling the call to mission and evangelism," and for this November let's meditate on the first part, which is "Remain steadfast in fulfilling the mission call." The Lord Jesus said in Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." This is the vision, church mission. The Lord Jesus gave a great message to His disciples as written in Mark 16:15-16, namely "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creatures. Those who believe and are baptized will be saved, but those who do not believe will be condemned. We are can only "be witnesses of Christ who live and remain steadfast in fulfilling the mission call" when we are filled with the Holy Spirit. In this November, let us deepen and meditate on what God longs for by pouring out the Holy Spirit in the midst of His disciples in that time has come to our generation today. The Holy Spirit who was sent by the Father in the name of Christ, He is the One who teaches us all things and also reminds us of all that has been said to us (John 14:26). According to God's command in Luke 24:47, in His name we must deliver the message of repentance and forgiveness of sins to those who have not yet received the Lord. That means we need to preach the gospel. The gospel is the power of God that saves everyone who believes (Romans 1:16). And every member of the congregation at GMI who comes from Indonesia in Germany and in the Netherlands is called to fulfill this mission call, which is to be His witness in these two countries. Remaining firm in fulfilling the mission call, it also means that every disciple of God from Indonesia who comes to Germany or the Netherlands to achieve his goals, they are also called to be salt and light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16), meaning to be witness of the living God. Let's win many souls in these last days. Are you ready to go preach the gospel in this Europe? Amen, Lord Jesus bless!

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