



# SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



Dear friends,

Last time I wrote to you, we were all at the start of the lockdown season. Now about 4 months later, the world is still pretty much affected by covid-19, and I believe all of us have felt its effects to some degree in our own lives these past months. For our ministry, this season has naturally meant some adjustments and forced us to slow down quite a bit. For ministries around the world, whose main focus is mission outreaches, this season has meant a complete standstill. For us as well. All the planned outreaches for this fall have been cancelled, and it seems we won't be able to go and minister this year in any of the countries where we work.

## COVID-19 SEASON - WHAT DID WE DO?

This season however hasn't been a wasted time at all. As the lockdown began, I decided to get active and started writing my doctoral dissertation on mass evangelism. God spoke to me some years ago about getting a doctorate, and the last three years I've studied theology. I believe that I'll need this degree one day in order to get to certain countries, and I see this project as an important asset to my future in ministry. So since April, I've been writing six days a week and by now I've finished the theory part. Still missing is a field study, which I hope to do in November in Africa. I will go and study a large scale Gospel crusade possibly in Nigeria.

To study a topic that burns in my heart - namely, reaching masses of people for Jesus and seeing a lasting impact in countless lives and communities, has been a valuable experience for me. I thank God for the time I had for the writing!

Apart from the dissertation project, I've invested in many people's lives on personal level and had many great talks about spiritual things with my neighbors,

my hair dresser who is very interested and got from me a Bible and a Christian book, which she's been reading since May, with people on trains and planes when I did a family visit to Finland in July, during my daily walks and so on. People seem to be very open for talks about Jesus now and gladly receive prayer.

In addition, I've been speaking locally here in Frankfurt area since the churches opened up again in May.

***I also finished a big project and now the ATN website is available in three languages: English, German and Finnish. Please go and check it out at [www.awakethenations.org](http://www.awakethenations.org)***

## NEWS! BOOTCAMP

As I attended the Christ for All Nations (CfaN) School of Evangelism in January, God spoke to me about collaboration with CfaN.

They have a new training module for evangelists called Bootcamp and it aims at launching thousands of evangelists out to the harvest fields of the world in the next few years. The graduates will become CfaN associates, working closely together as a fleet of combine harvesters under a vision called "The Decade of Double Harvest". During the last three decades, CfaN has documented 79 million registered decisions for Christ. This number has been ushered in by the late evangelist Reinhard Bonnke and his successor Daniel Kolenda, who has a vision of doubling the harvest during this decade, and that's where the name comes from.

In order to double the harvest and reach 150 million souls for Jesus, an army of evangelists is needed, the Bootcamp serving the purpose.

***The big news is that by the grace of God, I've been accepted to the next Bootcamp and will be moving to Orlando, Florida for the months of January thru April 2021.***

The Bootcamp is a very intense training school where I will not only learn all possible things about mass evangelism but also get to work in different departments at the CfaN head quarters, learn first hand from some of today's best evangelists, build lifelong ministry relationships etc.

We'll be trained and evaluated in areas such as preaching, read books and complete home work assignments, do weekly outreaches in the Orlando area etc. It'll surely be a life changing time. At the end, we'll do a missions outreach in Africa to put all the learnt into practice.

So, exciting things are happening and God is taking Awake the Nations into new dimensions. I'm deeply grateful and humbled by this incredible opportunity and look forward to all God has in store through this new season.

To see a short and powerful video clip of CfaN's harvest in Africa in the last few years, click [www.youtube.com/watch?v=gFEIHITVVOA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gFEIHITVVOA)

After the Bootcamp, I aim at doing outreaches in Asia as usual but we'll have to see how it all turns out due to covid-19 and other factors. ***Please pray that all the many details I need to take care of will fall perfectly in place in God's perfect timing.***

## INDONESIA

Our building project in Indonesia is finally beginning! We wanted to start building the children's home / training center right after the outreach in April but due to the extreme lockdown in Papua and the long and heavy rainy season, we are starting only now.

At the beginning of the year, the Lord spoke to me about the vision for Papua and since then, I've felt to expand it from just a mere children's home and training center to something more.

So in addition, we hope to build on the grounds a Christian school, a small clinic and an agricultural model project that the locals will benefit from.

There'll also be a Christian radio station, which a friend from Jakarta has promised for us and it will help spread the Gospel and solid Bible teaching in the surrounding regions of Sorong.

***Please pray for this huge project that the finances will be provided in time and it'll get finished quickly.***

The Chaya plant I brought from the US to the Kanume in March has become an enormous blessing to the whole tribe. They say, the use of it has amazing health benefits, and now all the clans are growing and eating it daily. To my great amusement, they named the plant Kaisa .





## SUPPORT

I'm happy to let you know that we as ministry were able to help and bless financially a few other ministries that were at stake during the worst covid-19 months. This was wonderful indeed and we're very grateful to God and to all of you, who have stood with us financially during these tough times and kept us going.

However, we do need more monthly supporters. Would you please consider coming along with 10€ or more a month?

***We have a campaign called "Thousand Hearts" with the aim of getting together 1.000 people who each would donate 10€ monthly.***

Ten Euros a month is a small amount and possible for most Western people to pour into charity, but when given monthly by a thousand people, it would turn into a powerful source enabling us to do mind blowing things on the mission fields.

We believe it's better to rather have a whole lot of donors who each give a small amount than a few who all give a lot because it's a principle that produces and maintains stability, which is needed in work like ours.

We also believe in team work, and one practical way of getting involved with our work is by giving. We cannot do the work without our partners so your giving enables us to effectively spread the Gospel in the nations.

By giving, you become a partner of all that God does through us and will share alike in the eternal rewards one day. Investing into God's Kingdom is the most beneficial and secure investment for it will remain forever!

Remember what Jesus says about giving: ***"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."*** Luke 6:38

For different giving options, please go to [www.awakethenations.org/#donate](http://www.awakethenations.org/#donate)

Thank you for being part of what God does in the nations through our ministry. We very much appreciate you and your love and passion for God's kingdom. Thank you for standing with us in so many ways and making it possible for us to preach the Gospel, which is the only answer and hope to our world.

Enclosed is my personal testimony and a short and encouraging teaching about healing, which the Lord laid on my heart to share with you. I pray that you'll be blessed by it! He loves you and wants you well!

Many blessings,



*"Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called. I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him."* Eph. 1:15-19

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