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Dear friends,

For most of us in our country, it has not been a very easy year, but rather a year with many fights! Even for us as a church!

But in God's Word it is written:

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Phil. 4:13). And:

"With my God I can leap over a wall." (Ps. 18:29)

With HIM, we can truly be overcomers, even in the worst circumstances! But without close relationship to Him, we could be in danger to lose orientation or often to be disappointed.

At the beginning of this year, the Holy Spirit spoke very clearly that a **time of rest** would be coming now: And really... the next day, the lockdown was officially announced!

Somehow this 1st lockdown in the spring became even a source of blessing: During this time, we were able to develop our livestream in a very positive way: Since the beginning of the lockdown, we were able to air – via livestream – all our weekly services (Wednesday and Saturday at 7 p.m.). We could reach more people as usual and bring help and comfort to many who really needed it! As full-time workers in the church, we also used the "free" afternoons to develop our worship ministry practicing "free singing" in and from Jesus' presence and in His Holy Spirit.

While the **"spring-lockdown"** was still going on, we were officially not allowed to have public services: Only the people working with our "sound system" and others who were absolutely needed for the services (preacher, worship team, etc.) were allowed IN the service venue! But soon, we were astonished to see how much our "sound team" suddenly grew from week to week! 😊 (People were so eager to be in the service and not just watch from home via Internet: They just missed the live service.) So, Johannes, the sound team leader, saw with excitement how his team grew steadily from week to week: It became one of the largest teams in the church!

Meanwhile, the second lockdown, called **"light lockdown"**, has begun a couple of months later and is going to last till January. Services are allowed again, but with a limited number of attendants. Just in this time... we are really growing as a church! People get saved, and especially on Saturday evening, people kneel down before the cross to repent of their sins and start a new life with Jesus, while we are singing the wonderful song **"Mercy Seat" (Brownsville Revival)! Glorious nights!...**

Unnecessary to mention that, in everything we do, we have to be cautious and keep everything demanded by the law: Keeping distances and wearing masks as much as possible!

A few weeks ago, we had a wonderful weekend seminar with Dr. Arne Elsen from Hamburg. It was an intense time of unity in the Spirit, and as a whole church we flew together in the gifts of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:46-47). Arne taught about being and staying in **"intimate relationship with Jesus"** through the Holy Spirit!

Now, as this year is coming to an end, we wish you a wonderful, restful, and blessed Christmas time! May Jesus give us many opportunities in the next year to see and enjoy each other! **"Iron sharpens iron..." (Prov. 27:17)**

With much love,

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