



## EXODUS 9:15-16

### God is acting

When we read the story of Israel and her God, we see many indications which demonstrate that it has always been God's desire that his name will be honored in all the earth.

In Exodus 9 we are in the middle of the narration in which God will deliver his people from their slavery in Egypt. It is a battle between God and that which-is-not-god – Pharaoh and the many gods of Egypt.



(Source: *1000 Bible Images*. Stuttgart, Germany: German Bible Society, 2009.)

In his patience God gave Pharaoh yet another chance to let the Israelites go. But Pharaoh's heart remained hard. In these verses God says that he caused the Pharaoh to stand for the sole purpose that God will show his might

and that his name will be proclaimed among all peoples.

This corresponds to God's character – God the missionary. And it corresponds to our mandate: *solī deo gloria* (to God alone be honor).

### Now we made it!

...well, not yet; but to a certain extent yes we did. No, we are not yet in Arequipa (Peru), where Ben will be working as a teacher in Bible and Theology. But we are working together with the German mission agency (DMG) as well as SIM. During the week Ben is at the "Buchenauerhof" – the headquarter of the agency (picture: castle).



There Ben will be spending two months in preparation for further steps. There are classes to visit as well as daily tasks to do. In that way we get to know the agency and their vision and philosophy. Many practical matters concerning international/intercultural teams are

For by now I could have stretched out my hand and struck you and your people with plague, and you would have been destroyed from the earth. But for this purpose I have caused you to stand: to show you my strength, and so that my name may be declared in all the earth.



discussed with former and current missionaries. It is a profitable and challenging time, but Ben is glad to have the experience.

### Eleven new missionaries

Besides us nine new missionaries are spending their time in this preparation-period.



Taken together we will serve on four different continents in seven countries. We are all quite excited to see God changing our hearts and forming us into his Son's image.

### What will you be doing in Peru?

This we get asked quite frequently. In short, Ben will be engaged in **theological education** of indigenous pastors, missionaries, and theologians.

But why does theological education matter; why is it so important? All over the world and especially in the southern hemisphere people are turning to Christ. More Christians live outside the borders of the "Western world." Theological education is need for indigenous pastors, missionaries, and theologians so that they too may hold firm "the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints" (Jude 1:3).

Recently I read the following statement for people who want to study theology: "Studying theology challenges one's own personality and one's attitude toward the world and toward God.... To

study theology does not only entail to grapple with traditions, but also to win news and surprising insights. It does not only entail to read texts, but also to understand people in their con-text." ([http://www.ekd.de/theologiestudium/startseite\\_theologiestudium.html](http://www.ekd.de/theologiestudium/startseite_theologiestudium.html))



This pretty much summarizes the importance of our service. Jesus commissioned us to go and to make disciples of all nations. **Teaching** is a significant component of that commission (see Matt 28:18-20).

To be a disciple means to follow Jesus and to learn from him. Paul says: "Entrust what you heard me say in the presence of many others as witnesses to faithful people who will be competent to teach others as well" (2 Tim 2,2).

These are many news and many developments. Those who would like to know more are more than welcome to contact us ... or to wait for the next newsletter.

God with you!

**Ben & Daniela**  
**Joel, Timothy und Jason**

### Prayer

#### Praise:

- For the helpful time at the Buchenauerhof
- That Daniela and the boys will be joining us at the end of October

#### Requests:

- Enlargement of our sponsors
- Please pray for the preparations for the upcoming mission festival at the DMG (09.25.)
- Further plans and guidance

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