

DIAKONIA PRAYER LETTER FEBRUARY 2016

We are in the second month of 2016, and have started a new year with a lot of possibilities, and a lot of challenges.

As I write this prayer letter I am sitting on a train that has just hit a car. Luckily the driver was unhurt, but both the car and the train are unmoveable. We were moving safely onward and suddenly we hit an accident, and came to a standstill. The main reason is the heavy snowfall that has come during last night. We are used to snow in my country, but not in amounts like this. The car got stuck in the snow, and then the train came

Sometimes, in fact quite often, I wonder if this is something that will happen to our society and our environments.

We move steady onward, but will it suddenly come to a standstill? We see the signs: the weather is changing, we have more wind, more rain, more heavy floods. The stock market is trembling. War and violence are making refugees, many in their own country and others going abroad, as we have seen quite a lot of during 2015. It is like we can hear the words of the evangelists talking about war and rumours of war, about hunger and earthquake. Heavy struggles for God's creation on earth.

In this time of turbulence we certainly know that diakonia is needed more than ever. And we as DIAKONIA are part of this movement of good. We will, as we always have done, do our part in confirming, building and comforting the people around us that is in need.

In this time of challenge we will use our possibilities to

- Love our neighbours
- Create inclusive communities
- Care for creation
- Struggle for justice

Let us pray that our DIAKONIA-family will have the strength and the courage to be good advisers to all people facing challenges, struggles and heavy burdens.

Matthew 25,40:

Truly I tell you whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.