

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! May God show you, in light of this newly-begun year, what He has in store, and may you be blessed!.

For us it is once again the time to take a glance back over the past year. 2008 was full of many events, new encounters, and small and great miracles from God. It is so amazing to experience how God carries us again and again. That is true for our life as a church but also for the challenges that the entire Jesus-Haus project brings. This year we experienced miraculous provision in many ways. Visitors were also touched by Jesus and were able to return home from their time in Herrnhut with something valuable. ("Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have I give to you!") The life in community and the times in God's presence as a congregation are for me the key to this. I sensed God's presence in so many different services! We celebrated some wonderful holidays together, and I personally also enjoyed some of the more informal times with others-- at the Youth Ski Camp, while hiking with the other men, at barbecues in



our garden, and sitting in the Treffpunkt with visitors from around the world-- just to name a few!

The year 2009 is now beginning and along with it new adventures with Jesus. The historical clock is ticking and the signs that we are in the last of "the last days" are multiplying. Just as the virgins in the parable, we do not want to be found without sufficient oil as we wait for the Bridegroom's return. That means it is now as important as ever to spend time in God's presence so that our vessels will not become empty. To help facilitate this in the body of Christ is the calling of the Jesus-Haus as well as of our church. We must be a place of intensively seeking God's will. No decisions should be made apart from Him-- that lesson we learn from King David's life! To that end we are seeking Him intently; we want to walk in the ways He has prepared and bear much fruit.

With much excitement for the coming year,

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