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Mission-Net is holistic

Frank Handrich is the Managing Director of “Hour of Power” Germany, an international TV service that preaches the positive Gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations. He also supports Mission-Net through fundraising and resourcing. We asked Frank about Mission-Net’s 6th value: Mission-Net is holistic.

Mission-Net (MN): Frank, what does ‘holistic’ mean to you?

Frank Handrich (FH): To live holistically means to make my faith in Jesus Christ visible in my personal and professional life, so that the people I’m in contact with will always see the same person. Not just one part. My behaviour should be the same in church, as well as on my work place. We are the light of the world and we should show it to the people around us, wherever we are. That also includes my finances: my salary and my savings belong to the Lord. And I show it in giving to my church and organisations that I am passionate about. The challenge is always to stay true to yourself and to your faith. Not playing around and pretending to be someone else. To talk the walk and to walk the talk!

MN: What hinders Christians in Europe from living a holistic lifestyle today?

FH: Our sorrows and problems sometimes seem more important than our faith and trust in God. At times, we tend to forget that God can make all things new and/or turn things for the best. Do we really believe that God will take care of us? Or do we simply pay him lip service? An African Christian once told me that he needs God and he needs miracles, because that’s all he has. He is not able to survive alone. “But you in the West don’t need God and you don’t need miracles,” he said. “Therefore you hardly experience God’s power in your lives and in the world.” A colleague of mine often says that all people need is Jesus, that he is the answer for everything! I agree, but do I really live it? Is Jesus more important than my individual wishes, my money, my spouse - you name it! I think the biggest challenge for us in Europe is whether we really live what we believe – it can change everything!

MN: What role do the youth play in the church in Europe today?

FH: The youth have always fought for change. They are open to new things and thus help the church stay young and fresh. The youth are



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our future and they have the power to start things with their passion for people, music and the world. They challenge tradition and are not satisfied with the status quo. And that's good. Like Paul once said, "Challenge everything and keep the best." We need to give people hope. We need to be willing to adapt the way we present the message of Jesus Christ to the current generation, without changing the value and truth of the message! The youth will make mistakes, like we all do, but if they follow the example of Jesus in their own lives, they will impact their communities.

MN: What impact do you expect Mission-Net 2011/12 to make?

FH: The workshops, sessions, testimonies and music at the Mission-Net Congress 2011/12 will give participants new insight into God's way with human beings. It will provide opportunity to learn and to implement a totally new way of living. I hope that participants will be encouraged to bring Jesus Christ to their friends when they return home; that they will build the church where they are; that they will translate the gospel of Jesus Christ into the language of their generation; and that they will follow the example of Jesus Christ in their lives.

MN: How can we support Mission-Net in a practical way?

FH: First of all, pray for a good conference, many participants and for God's blessing upon everything. Secondly, register for the conference and advertise Mission-Net in your church, youth group, school etc. so that many young people will be encouraged to attend. And last but not least, help Mission-Net with your finances. This kind of conference is very cost-intensive and it's important that you don't only pray or advertise, but also donate. That's part of a holistic lifestyle. It's not just one part. God wants you completely; therefore it would be great if you could support Mission-Net with a special donation, a one-time gift or a donation on a regular basis. 100,000 Euros are needed in addition to the registration fees, so every donation is helpful. For more information, check out: www.mission-net.org

Frank lives in Augsburg (Germany) where he is part of project_X, a contemporary church for young people that meets in a bar/restaurant. Frank is excited about Mission-Net, as he believes it will encourage, equip and support participants to live meaningful lives.

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