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Mission-Net is prayerful

“Due to the widespread misunderstanding of prayer as a Christian duty and obligation,” notes Martin Voegelin, Chairperson of the Mission-Net Board, “Christians in Europe are often hindered from living a prayerful lifestyle today. With 1,000 different activities and opportunities to distract us, we often fail to benefit from the luxury of stopping for a moment to pray. And as prayer ceases, so too do the answers to prayer - our relationship to God becomes ineffective and boring.”

Despite the huge geographic distances between Mission-Net board members, personal and corporate prayer is stirred through an exchange of information, personal requests and mutual encouragement. “We are accountable to each other to keep the line to God open and alive!” says Martin.

Corporately, the Mission-Net Board often pauses for a moment of silence and/or prayer during their meetings, as joys and struggles are shared. “If we value prayer life as individuals, incorporating prayer into our meetings will come more naturally and easily. Our dependency on God’s guidance and intervention is also made clear. Without prayer, Mission-Net would not be missional – it would just be another interest-network and neither glorify God nor have a spiritual impact on Europe.”

Praying for Mission-Net

Whenever Mission-Net crosses your mind, link it up to Jesus. You can pray something like this: “Thank you Jesus for Mission-Net – bless it!” In your regular prayer time, keep a few items precious to you for Mission-Net and watch God respond. Use Mission-Net’s weekly email devotion to reflect on personally or in your prayer group and/or church. Pray for participants from your country and from your church... friends you want to motivate to participate. But remember, prayer is primarily a relationship, not an activity. It is about being in the presence of God – sharing intimate fellowship with the Creator of the Universe. God is seeking fellowship with you!

“Let Jesus come into EACH situation and let him act in and through you,” adds Martin. “It is a lifelong learning process! This attitude, this availability to learn I wish every person with any responsibility at Mission-Net! My hope is that Jesus would be seen more clearly through our lives and actions in Europe and wherever He is sending us as a



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result of the Mission-Net congress and movement. This will transform us and make us agents of transformation around us - Jesus in us and through us.”

A night of prayer and worship is planned on 31 December 2011 at the Mission-Net congress in Erfurt, Germany. Come join young Christians from all over Europe as they seek to draw closer to God through prayer and worship. For more information: www.mission-net.org

Martin lives near Winterthur (Switzerland) with his wife, Esther. He coaches local churches that seek to become missionally-minded. He is also passionate about helping people develop their gifts and strengths. Martin has two grown-up children.

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