

New quinquennium new beginnings

In our new series we will focus on one or two of our unions in each newsletter. In this issue we are presenting the **Danish Union of Churches Conference and Greek Mission**. We hope this will help you with new ideas and motivate you. We look forward to each issue.

Good bye to Andreas and hello to Anne-May.



Andreas Müller has been Children's Ministries director since 2013. It is his last report, from now on the new CM director will be Anne-May Müller in Denmark. We appreciate Andreas' work and all he has done for children and the children's teachers in the Danish Union of Churches Conference. May God continue to bless him.

The biggest challenge in his work for him was time constraints – and developing an attitude in the church that Children's Ministry is a proper and important mission work.

The biggest joy for him was seeing kids in an environment where they can suddenly feel safe, loved, curious, excited and get to know the Lord.

His favourite part from the Bible right now is the Gospel of John or the book of Isaiah (especially the last part).

Anne-May Müller has been married to Thomas Müller for 24 years (he is serving as president of the Danish Union of Churches Conference) , and they have four sons aged 11-16 years old.

She has been doing Family Ministry more or less since 2005, but this autumn the Children's ministry department also came under her supervision.

Her favourite bible text changes, because different texts talk to her at different times, phases and circumstances of life.



But this morning she read from Jude, and v 20-21 became a new favourite to her: "But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God; look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life." (NRSV).

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Highlights from Denmark



Kids in the church in Vejle joining in on Global Youth Day, baking cookies in the Sabbath School time, passing them out with an encouraging Bible verse and leaflet.



Godly Play story

In Nærum, they use messy church services Thursday evenings to reach parents and children from the church school and families who could use reconnection.



120 kids on stage in the big marquee singing for the adults on Sabbath morning.

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In May, we had a well-attended training day, where the teachers experienced messy church activities themselves, and shared good ideas with each other. Another highlight at the end of the day was the godly play-story that was told in sand – while the whole room was completely quiet and listening.

A big part of the function is organizing the 40-some meetings for kids at our annual camp meeting. Here the Legos are being cleaned for the youngest.



Almost every year, we have a sponsor race for kids and adults. Many of the small ones run many laps and thus bring in good money for ADRA or another cause.

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Children's Camp

Below are some pictures from this year's Children's Camp.

We have a lot of kids 8-12 from Adventist backgrounds, from our schools, and their friends who join in to a week of singing, Bible stories, lots of activities, and just being able to be kids for a week!

After preaching on Sabbath, one of the highlights was a child from an outspoken atheist background who came up to me and said that he now had reconsidered and would like to be a Christian instead – as he heard the story of Jonah, about God loving “the others”, and not just “his people”.



News from the Greek Mission



In this issue we wish to introduce our new Children's Ministries leader from Greece to you.

Paulina Papilia has been doing this work as a director for the last 2 months, but she has been a personal assistant to the previous director in the last 5 years.

The biggest challenge in her work is to make children understand the meaning of Jesus' presence in their lives without misunderstanding Bible texts and getting bored.

The biggest joy in her work is that she loves spending time with children and teaching them about God.

Her favourite Bible text is from Deuteronomy 4:31.

"For the Lord your God is a merciful God; he will not abandon or destroy you or forget the covenant with your ancestors, which he confirmed to them by oath."

TEC Children's Ministries News

Father's Day

Our children presented a very nice programme for the fathers. They described them and our Father God. At the end of the programme they gave crowns to every dad and mum as a reward.



Talent festival

The second set is from a talent festival that every child had to perform it's personal talent so that the children can be encouraged to use their gifts for God's glory. Some children sang alone or in a group, other performed roles or pantomime, some other told stories or drew some pictures.



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Children's Sabbath

The third set is when children took on the Sabbath ceremony. Instead of preaching, children played biblical games and quiz with the elders. Children tested elders' knowledge and they had a great time together. Finally the team that won was given a prize.



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Pictures from Kalamos Children Camp

