

## Advent? We celebrate anticipation!

Imagine: A world without war. All people can live in peace, without fear. Swords are made into plowshares, former military tools lighten the load of farmers. On the runways of military airports children learn to ride their bikes.

Imagine: A just world. All have enough to eat. No child dies of treatable diseases anymore. Work brings fruit that I may enjoy myself. Might is no longer right; the most vulnerable set the standards for all. Feasts are celebrated with great wine and first-class food, and all are invited.

This is what people have always been longing for. And these are no empty hopes. God has promised to make them reality. More than 2000 years ago he said that he will renew this world. This is what it will look like. Just, peaceful and beautiful.

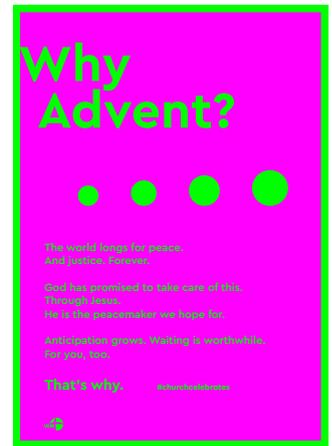
For this, Jesus came into the world. He said: This new world is already near. The seed is already sown, small and almost invisible. Jesus did this, 2000 years ago. Sick were healed. Sins were forgiven. Food was shared.

Jesus was executed. It seemed that he failed. But he is risen. That is the beginning of the end of evil. The Bible promises: Jesus will come again. And then the world will be transformed. God's presence will be visible. All tears will be wiped away. A good life, for all!

We hope for this. We wait. We long. We do not accept what is. We work on change. And we celebrate what will come.

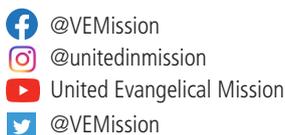
That is Advent. We celebrate anticipation. And we invite you to celebrate with us.

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