



Dear brothers, sisters and friends of the IRM

With the verse 19 of John's Gospel, chapter 14 I send my greetings to you:
Jesus promises: "Because I live, you also will live"

Jesus lives! This certainty is a gift which is put into a believer's heart. This certainty enjoys and revives my heart, where intellect, will and feelings dwell. Sometimes I quote the following sentence when I talk to others, and not only at Christmas time:

"Jesus may be in Bethlehem born 1000 times; if he doesn't do so in your heart it won't help you anything". Just like the railway connects towns and countries, this believers experience connects the Christians in all areas of the railway and above ages and land borders.

The most important highlight of the year 2007 definitely was the IRM-convention and holiday in Eastbourne/England. Our friends from BTCF and BRM did a great job to enable a pleasant and inspiring convention! Cordial thanks once again to all helpers and to the staff of the "Holy Trinity Church" in Eastbourne! All days before the departure day on Friday we enjoyed nice and dry summer weather. The sea just in front of the hotels invited the IRM visitors and especially our family to swim a lot. The offered outings and the possibility to explore the south coast of England were claimed lively.

With brother Arulraj (India) and Joe Spooner (USA) two representatives from Far East and Overseas stayed with us and enriched us with their experiences and inputs. Furthermore we were able to welcome the railway missions of Hungary and the Netherlands into the IRM. A warm welcome to them! Also in Eastbourne the idea came up to offer 500 calendars to the Hungarian railway mission KEV so that they will be able to distribute them to staff rooms and friends. With financial aid from Norway (NJM) and from Switzerland (ECV) the idea could be realised.
Thank you so much!

With the election of my person for new IRM president the participants of the general meeting in Eastbourne decided for the first time to have a Swiss for president and also to have a generational change. So I'd like to thank you again for the confidence you put into me. Since more than two decades I belong to the Evangelisch Christliches Verkehrspersonal ECV in Switzerland and work with the Swiss Railway SBB in Basel as an engine driver.

During the last three years as IRM vice president I had the opportunity to visit several IRM missions together with IRM president John May. John's fatherly accompaniment, his efforts to teach me the English language and the many interesting stories about the IRM helped me very much to find the way into my new task! Thank you very much, John!

If it's God's will the next IRM convention and holiday will take part 2010 in Finland.

Assisted by the IRM secretaries Elisabeth Andreetti-Hari (CH) und Birgitta Thörn (S) John Lunn (GB) will give information about the development of an IRM prayer network with 1 to 3 intercessors from each country. Furthermore the prayer requests from the different missions shall be collected and distributed as a prayer letter and shall also be put into the IRM homepage. More information by www.railway-mission.eu **To Download:** User: **irm**; Password: **maranatha**



**Greetings to all of you!
Merry Christmas and a blessed
New Year 2008!**

Veli Bay

"I.R.M. needs to be regrounded, it is becoming worldwide and its responsibilities as a CHURCH will grow. It must be spirit led and grounded fully in the word of God. Pray for workers"

This is a prayer vision from John Lunn