

## **We were explorers not of a physical continent, but of a vast spiritual realm**

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Germany's faithful correspondent, Annemarie Manke, wrote her reflections as she prepared to go to the United States. "If we trace our lives back to our first encounter with the Divine Principle, we see that it was like a bridge leading us out of the darkness to the light. We stood then on the threshold of a new world.

We were explorers not of a physical continent, but of a vast spiritual realm where the innermost core was the heart of God. So we went on our way listening to the call of the Father. His voice reached us from deep within the spirit of people wherever we went. We saw His yearning heart in the sad and troubled eyes of young people who could no longer believe in righteousness. We hear the divine spark of hope in even the most bitter of accusations. We found that even the fierce black waves of death, destruction, and decadence have not the power to quench the fire of eternal life which is waiting to be ignited in every man's soul.

"After the storm, it is calm, and the sun shines. After the payment comes a blessing. Each time the peace brings more fulfillment and the light more warmth. Having experienced these things it is my only regret that our faith is so small. Repeatedly proof comes that to serve the whole means the fulfillment of the individual purpose."