



**Dear Friends,**

Thank you for helping us to preach the Word of God here in Germany. The Bible says “how shall they hear without a preacher” and it also teaches the preacher must be sent. Thank you for your sacrifice in sending.

Most of you have received our many updates by e-mail, but a letter is certainly over-due. We continue to meet for services in our home and to spread the Gospel on the military post. I am very pleased with the steady growth we have experienced here at God’s Word Baptist Church. We have several new people who have never experienced the awkward services with only one person in attendance who is not related to me.

Several months ago, our family began to pray for good Christian playmates for our children. We knew the Lord may answer by transferring a godly military family to our location. A few weeks ago, we were visited by a family of Germans who live just four houses down on our street. Perhaps I will post the whole story on our family blog later, but in a few words; they came to give us the Gospel. Although they don’t speak a word of English, these folks believe in salvation by faith alone in Jesus Christ. The ladies in the family wear dresses or skirts for modesty and the children are the same ages as our three oldest. The family now comes on Sunday mornings and Thursday nights. The midweek service is a special time where they teach me German and I teach them from the Bible. We are absolutely overjoyed with this blessing from Heaven.

April 4<sup>th</sup> we were blessed with 19 people who gathered in our little home for

church. Eight of the 19 were Byers, but we are thrilled with the increase. The following week, I received word that my mother’s cancer was back and was soon to take her life. I decided to fly home to Washington State and be with the family. I sure do thank God for those of you who helped me with the travel expenses.

I was concerned about leaving the ministry here in Germany even for the one Sunday, but missionary Jim White agreed to fill in for me in my absence. Bro. White is bilingual and I was looking forward to our German family meeting him. Stacy began to make contact with our people while I was absent. We were both discouraged when we learned three of our families would be traveling or deployed. Then we learned our German family may be out of town as well. We nearly asked Bro. White not come because of these developments. Reluctantly, I called Stacy on Sunday to hear a report. She told me several visitors came and our German friends had a change in plans. Our house was filled with 18 people for church in my absence and I praise the Lord for continuing to build His church.

Please keep praying with us. We have a desire to see many people receive Jesus as their personal Saviour. Why not pray right now and ask God to let me share the testimony of a sinner coming to know Jesus in my next letter? God bless you for your sacrifice. We are so happy to represent you here in Germany. Thank you for helping to plant God’s Word Baptist Church for the people in Illesheim Germany. – Kevin, Stacy, Josiah, Gabriel, Bella, Caleb, Noah, and Elijah -

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