



June 1, 2017

Dear Praying Churches,

Since June of 2005, we have been missionaries to the country of Germany. God has richly blessed with souls saved, baptized, and discipled. Praise the Lord for this ministry! and thank you for your vital role in supporting us. It is clear to me that our ministry in Europe has not only been a time of reaping precious souls for Jesus Christ, but also preparation for what lies ahead.

Each of you know how the door for our work in Nuremberg Germany has closed with the people under the leadership of a German national, and you have also been praying with us that God would open a door for a new missionary endeavor. After praying, fasting, and seeking God's face; it is clear to me that the Lord has opened the door for our family to plant a church in Astoria Oregon.

According to a 2014 Gallup poll, Oregon is one of the least religious states and also one of the most liberal politically. The spiritual need for Baptist churches in Astoria is overwhelming and the costal climate will be a welcomed change for Bella. Our pulmonologist highly recommends this move as the climate will be therapeutic for her lungs.

When I was seventeen years old and surrendered my life to preach the gospel, it was in my heart to plant a church in the Northwest just like my pastor did. Pastor Adams came to Portland Oregon 35 years ago, to a place described to him as "the fundamentalist graveyard." Greater Portland Baptist Church was born, is thriving, and would now like to reproduce itself just 3 hours away in the town of Astoria. By God's grace, our family will be leading that endeavor!

You have faithfully supported our work with the military, German speaking people, Iranians, and Syrians. The labor has been rewarding, fruitful, and blessed by God. Thank you so much for your unrelenting giving, prayers, and encouragement during these years. We have done as the Lord commanded us, and we could not have done it without you.

It is my prayer that you will consider how God is leading in our lives and commit to helping us to fulfill the great commission in Astoria Oregon. If you desire to take this journey with us, you may continue sending support in the same way you have been sending it, and approaching the same throne of grace you always do. Please contact me as soon as possible so that we can schedule a time to update your church on the work in Germany and the plan for Astoria. I pray the Lord will bless each of you and I thank you for the opportunity to represent your church for the Kingdom of God.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kevin L. Byers'.

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