



July - August, 2024

„Wenn aber dies anfängt zu geschehen, so richtet euch auf und erhebt eure Häupter, weil eure Erlösung naht.“

Lukas 21, 28

“And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.”

Luke 21:28

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MINISTRY GOALS

- Evangelizing the lost in their language and culture
- Discipling Believers
- Planting Churches
- Training Pastors to reach their own people

Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

Our world is in trouble. As society moves further and further away from the truth, the more its troubles grow like thorns overtaking a neglected garden. As we seek to bring the lost to Christ and to help the believer grow in Him, we often have to deal with a tangled mess of confusion and lies. At the same time, we must guard our own hearts and thoughts from encroaching worldly influences around us. Many times, the problems seem overwhelming, but God’s help is always timely and sufficient. We thank you for your constant prayers for us as we minister here in Berlin.

During these past two months much has happened during these trying and difficult days. But in spite of these troubling times, there is good news:

1. In difficult times, the Lord will still take care of His own (Matthew 10:28-31).

In July my father received word from his doctor that he had 4 – 6 weeks to live. My father called me and asked if we could come home and see him one last time. So we flew back to the U.S. for a couple weeks to see and to take care of him. As we returned back to Berlin, he continues to get weaker and weaker, however, he is still with us.

During this time I had many opportunities to speak to him about salvation. In addition, two of my sons-in-law also had the opportunity to speak to him about salvation, and on August 18th my father received Christ as his Saviour! We are praising the Lord that Christ is still able to save “to the uttermost”. My father is truly ready to meet his Saviour.

2. The Son of Man is still seeking the lost, still desiring that all men might be saved and come to “the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4).

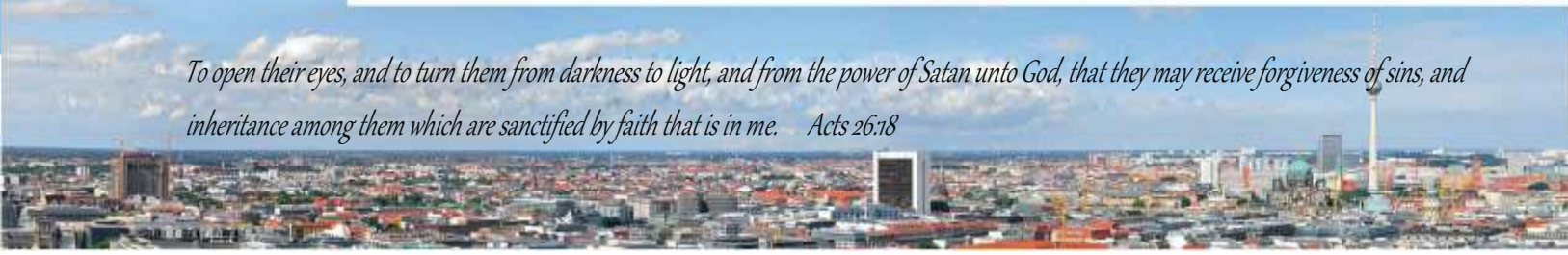
Upon our return to Berlin, we had a group of people from Rio Rancho NM come to help in our endeavor to reach the German people with the Gospel. Before their arrival we put together a packet of John / Romans booklets, a flyer to receive a Bible study and a Bible in the mail, and a



BIRTHDAYS

Scott Sept 11
Kris Jun 26
Anniversary Oct 18, 1986

To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Acts 26:18





note from us inviting them to partake in the Bible study. So, when the group arrived, we could go directly on the streets and hand out these packets.

The goal was to cover two villages just north of Berlin called Schildow and Mühlenbeck. In a four-day period we were able to cover these two villages, the streets around the church, and an area called Karow. Over 10,000 pieces of literature were handed out. We were blessed to see fruit from this effort immediately, as five people are now enrolled in the Bible study and one lady named Ines, even came to the church services. The group also saw some of the people sitting down and reading the literature. We are praying that we can start a weekly Bible study in the villages and eventually have a church started up there.

3. The cross, not the government, is still our only hope of salvation (Galatians 6:14).

In our last couple of letters we asked for prayer for a lady named Lina. She received our literature in her mailbox and contacted us. She is a divorced woman who is lonely and is constantly reaching out to us for attention. We have visited her and tried to encourage her, but she will not commit to come to church. She also writes us that she is afraid of death. We always answer her with the Gospel and encourage her to read the Bible we gave her. Please pray for Lina to humble herself and come to the Lord for salvation, and that she would come to church to hear the Word of God and to have good Godly fellowship.

4. The One who lives in believers is still greater than the god of this world (1 John 4:4).

We are so blessed to have a man like Andreas in our church. While we were in the states, we gave him a great deal of study material to complete, and he completed every portion of it – including writing out every verse. He desires to learn as much as he can about the Word of God, as he wants to live his life to bring honor and glory to his Saviour. We were in the U.S. for over two weeks and when we returned, the first question he asked me was when can we meet for Bible study. He is such a joy to be around and watching him grow in the Lord is such a blessing.

5. No matter what difficulties we may face in the upcoming days as we live in this God-despising and truth-hating world, our Lord is yet faithful and will preserve His own and keep us from falling (Jude 24).

In the next few months we are already looking to be quite busy. Please pray for us as we continue to seek His direction to reach Pankow and the surrounding districts of Berlin for the cause of Christ. During the fall, I will be speaking in Scotland and Ireland, preparing an updated video presentation of the work here, and translating pamphlets and tracts. Thank you again for your prayer and financial support.

In His Service,

Scott & Kris Poling