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„Ein Samariter aber kam auf seiner Reise in seine Nähe, und als er ihn sah, hatte er Erbarmen“
Lukas 10, 33

“But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him”

Luke 10:33

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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,

“I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers” (Philemon 4). We thank God that He allows us the privilege to minister in Berlin with the Gospel. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support so that the “light” of the Gospel can illuminate this spiritually dark city.

God is truly amazing! We are loving every moment of serving Him in Berlin. We have surrendered our lives to be used by Him, and we do our best to be as close to God as we can possibly be. Yet, far too often, God must refocus our sight on Him. There are days that seem to never end. Nevertheless, His mercies are new the following day, and we are blessed by that fact. He has shown us yet again over these past months that He will remain faithful, and we are excited to tell you what the Lord has been doing here in Berlin.

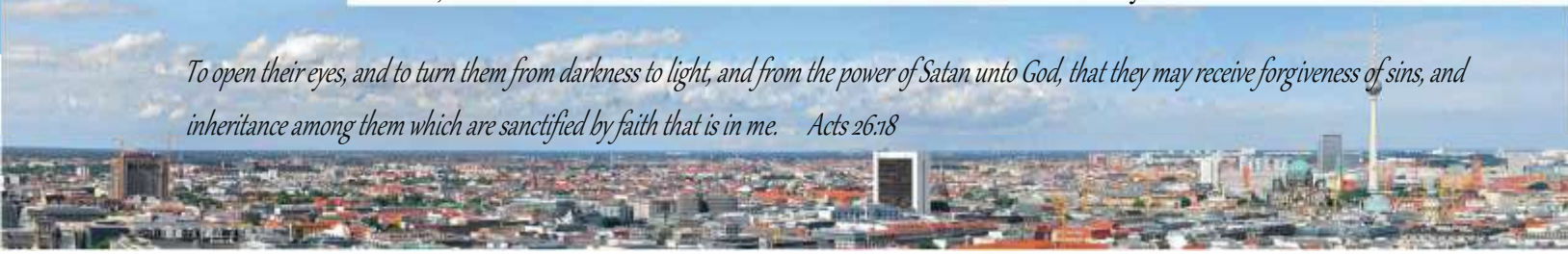
The verse from **Luke 10** tells of a man who came upon another man that was beaten up to a point of being half dead and showed how he had *“compassion on him.”* That is exactly what has happened to us during these past two months. As you remember, I had a partial knee surgery at the beginning of March and that laid me up for six weeks. During this time our home church showed compassion as they sent a family and a young man to come over and help us. I was not able to move around a great deal and these folks came enabling the ministry work here to continue.

Scott and Jana came initially and immediately started to work in helping us as I was in the hospital for my surgery. After two weeks, Jana had to return home and Nick (our Assistant Pastor) came over and continued the work. During this time of help, I was able to start on the road of recovery while the ministry work continued on.

Scott was able to fill in the pulpit for me on a Sunday and Wednesday, and with Jana’s and Nick’s help, they were able to clean up the storage area and Junior Church room, prepare boxes to be sent to our big storage facility, prepare and distribute well over 5,000 John / Romans invitation packets, prepare another 10,000 Bible study invitations for our August outreach campaign, and distributed 7,000 Resurrection Sunday service invitations. In all about 25,000 pieces of literature was handed out and/or prepared for future campaigns. Thank you for all your hard work as we have already been receiving fruit from your labors.

Since these folks left, we have established more contacts and have started in-home Bible studies. Please pray as we are currently discipling four regular attendees from church. Two have received our John / Romans packet in the mail, and Andreas as he desires to learn more about what the Bible says. God is at work and we know that

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





His Word will not return void. As these people continue in their study of the Bible, we know that the Holy Spirit will be convincing and convicting their hearts. We are looking forward to see how the Lord is going to be moving in their lives.

Also pray for a lady named Lina. She also received our John / Romans packet and started communicating with us. She is divorced with a young teenage daughter and is very depressed. We have invited her to church and even told her we can come and pick her up to bring her to church, but she has not committed to that yet. Every time she writes, it is obvious she is seeking attention, and we keep giving her Bible and encourage her to look to Jesus. Pray she will finally surrender to come to church and hear the only answer for her life – Jesus Christ.

Will you also please pray with me as the Lord has been moving in my heart about the district of Marzahn. It is the most eastern district in Berlin with a population around 270,000 and it has no Gospel light in the area. We are praying that we will be able to hold Bible studies and eventually church services in this district very soon.

As for my partial knee replacement, the recovery is going well just not as fast as I would like it. I developed a soft tissue infection which set me back a few weeks, but the infection seems to be gone now. I still have some pain, but it is much better than before. I will go out and distribute John / Romans packets and my knee does not ache as it did before, but I still have to take it slow. The doctor has released me from the Physio care but still wants me to do the physical therapy at home.

We have much more that we could say, but to close we must say again thank you for your constant prayer and support! Our family is truly blessed to have a small part in your lives, and we are honored that you have allowed us to represent you in taking the Gospel to such a needy place.

Here are some of our requests: Your prayers enable us, and we thank you! Please Pray...

- for the districts of Pankow and Marzahn, Lina, home Bible studies, Andreas' family
- for the distribution of the John and Romans packets and that they will find "good ground"
- for the outreach campaign in August
- for others to come to the church to hear the Gospel and that the church will grow
- for our regular attendees: Polina, Auka (and her three children), Gifty (and her two children), Marlena, Omid, and Morne
- for my knee recovery

In His Service,

Scott & Kris Poling