

Seven Pillars

A ministry built upon the foundation of Jesus Christ
A newsletter from Gene & Amy Corrigan



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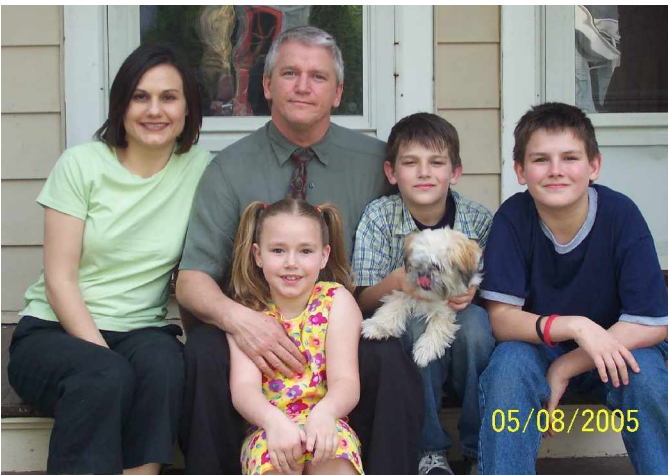
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Greetings to our family, friends, brothers & sisters in the Lord. We are excited to share our first newsletter with you and appreciate you taking the time to read it.

As many of you know, our family is preparing to begin a new chapter in our lives. Through many months of prayer, we have made the decision to serve the Lord as full-time missionaries in Europe. We would like to work in the country of Austria and pray that the Lord will open the right doors for us.

Our vision and goal is to be church planters in areas with little or no Christian witness. Even though Europe is modern and cultured, the people are spiritually dead. Less than 1% of the population professes Jesus as their personal Saviour. Europe is in dire need of workers willing to minister the gospel of Jesus.

Knowledge seems to take precedence over spiritual awareness. We understand that many find Christianity foolish and seek the wisdom of this world to confront their issues.



Paul tells us in 1st Corinthians:

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

1 Cor.1:18-20 &25

"Unless you assume a God, the question of life's purpose is meaningless."

- Bertrand Russell, atheist

Our Passion is to share the hope we have in Jesus with the people of Europe. We believe Christ will give them purpose and meaning to their lives.

A little bit about us...

Many of you know my testimony, but since this is our first newsletter, we thought it appropriate to include a brief description of how we came to know the Lord.

My life before salvation is something I am not proud of and though God's glory is reflected by the powerful change he has made in me, I try not to dwell upon the details of my life before January 1977. That was the year I met my friend and Savior, Jesus Christ. Without going into great detail, I escaped from a juvenile prison

in Wisconsin and was introduced to Christ through a friend who was involved in the Inasmuch Coffee House Ministry in Kenosha, WI. It is very hard to put into words what transpired that day, but I can truly say I understood what the Apostle Paul experienced when the scales fell away from his eyes and he was able to see.

In 1979, I went to International Bible College in San Antonio, TX for 2 ½ years, but did not complete my degree. After going in many different directions, the Lord brought Amy Bostetter into my life and in 1990 we were married. Even while we were still dating, I can remember telling Amy that someday the Lord would call us into full-time ministry.

My passion has always been evangelism and I love sharing the Word of God. I have never thought of myself as a missionary and never really considered the mission field as something I would have a desire to do. All that changed last May when Rob Harris, the director of Kontaktmission USA, came to speak where we fellowship, First Christian Church, in Kenosha.

Since then, God has confirmed our heart's desire to serve Him in Europe in several ways. It has taken almost 25 years of ups and downs and many trials to realize I needed to let go and do what God has called me to do. I am excited about the opportunity to share His word and look forward to the apologetic aspect of this ministry.

A note from Amy...

I grew up in Kenosha, WI and went to church each week with my family. Even though I knew about religion and God, something was missing. Socially I always felt like an outsider and tried to fill the emptiness in my heart with different things. It wasn't until I met Gene in January of 1989 that my life began to change. After many conversations, reading Scripture and lots of prayer, Gene introduced me to Christ. I accepted his grace, mercy and forgiveness. It was a relationship with Jesus that had been missing from my life.

It has taken me a long time to realize it isn't one's abilities that God looks for in a servant, but the availability to be His servant. I still remember the day that Rob Harris spoke about the need for Christian

witnesses in Europe. I was completely taken in by his passion for people who desperately need Christ. I remember leaning over to my friend and saying, "I could do this. I'd sell everything and go serve the Lord." From that time until now, the Lord has been transforming our lives and preparing us to serve Him.

We have three children and they have mixed feelings about living overseas. They know it will be hard to leave their friends and family, but on the other hand they are excited to be part of a team that gets to tell people about Jesus!!



Kontaktmission began in the Forest Quarter of Austria in 1979 with just a few missionaries doing the specific work they felt called of God to do. But their vision soon grew to encompass other countries and continues to expand today.

Kontaktmission has missionaries in 16 countries. Each of them desperately need evangelism, less than 1% of the population is church. Kontaktmission is one of the fastest growing church planting organizations that use effective methods of new church evangelism while staying true to the Lord of the Great Commission.

Kontaktmission USA, based in Tennessee, represents the work of both European and American missionaries, giving them a means of contact in the US. Please visit www.kontaktmissionusa.org if you'd like to find out more.

We have prayed about where we would like to serve and our hope is that God makes a way for us to work with the people of Austria.

Even though Austria is a cultured nation that has music, art and beautiful scenery to offer, most Austrians do not have a personal faith in Christ, and only a small minority has heard the message of how to find one. Over 75% are Christian in "name", but have no meaningful link with any church. About 80% have had dealings with the occult. The high suicide, abortion and alcoholism statistics indicate their spiritual need.

The aggressive activities of cultist religions have gained a considerable following among younger people. They are in great need of the Truth which comes through Jesus. Very few Austrians enter full-time Christian service, and fewer go as missionaries to other lands. Expatriate missionaries have declined in numbers through attrition and visa restrictions. Progress is extremely slow but the spiritual need remains great.

A Call to Prayer...

Prayer is the key that unlocks God's power, blessing and resources and we are seeking prayer partners to intercede for our ministry. The Lord honors the prayers of His people and we want to saturate our efforts with them. There is much to do between now and when we actually move. We will need to raise monthly support as well as funds for our initial move. We covet your prayers in these matters. Other prayer needs are:

- * Gene's education – The goal is to enroll this fall to complete his ministerial degree.
- * Our business & home – We are in the process of selling our business to another Pest control company. We ask for the Lord's guidance as we make this transaction. We are also preparing our home to be ready for sale by summer of 2006.
- * Leadership training – We are planning to meet with the KM leadership and attend training Europe in the fall. There is much to prepare for this trip.
- * Visas – Please pray that we obtain the working visas with little or no hindrances.



Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to share our vision and goals. We covet your prayers. If you think that your congregation would be interested in hearing more about our vision, we would love to share a presentation about our ministry and partnering with Kontaktmission USA. You can reach us by e-mail or phone. If there are any questions that you may have please call us or Rob Harris at Kontaktmissions. Please let us know if you would like to be placed on our mailing list.

We are now beginning the process of finding churches and individuals to partner with us through prayer and financial support. We prayerfully ask if you would consider partnering with us in prayer, which is the foundation of our ministry. If the Lord lays it upon your heart to financially support this ministry, please send your contribution (made out to Kontaktmission USA – please add a note with the name "Corrigan" with your check) to the address listed below.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our newsletter.

In Him - With you...

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