

June 30, 2006

Dear Friends and Family,

This has been an eventful month!

We started the month helping out with a project at Kontaktmission headquarters in Wuestenrot (about an hour northeast of Stuttgart).

In addition we finished up another language course and continued our visits and interaction with German Christians, congregations and organizations.



Two events in Stuttgart impressed us with the way the German Christians were able to



overcome denominational barriers and work together for the common cause of spreading the good news of Christ to the lost. The first was on *Christus Tag* (Christ Day), a national holiday. A conference was held which reminded us of our national missionary convention, except all different denominations participated. The second was the World Cup soccer tournament. Players and fans from many countries were in town for the event and about a dozen congregations of various denominations planned outreach events. We

were impressed to see that they had put together a brochure that included all the different locations and outreaches.



Operation World 2005 says of Germany: "The growing number of empty [Roman Catholic and Protestant Established] churches and church buildings falling into disrepair is a tragedy ... The free churches have a high proportion of Evangelicals but only represent 1.5% of the nation's population ... Pray for an increase in vision, innovative outreach and effective church planting that reaches every area and population segment of the nation."

**Berg Kirche, "Membership": 500  
Average Attendance: 25**

We have now temporarily left the land of World Cup soccer and returned to the land of College World Series baseball. Please pray

that our months here will be fruitful:

- **Monthly support.** We are so thankful for your participation with us. We currently have about half of our estimated needed monthly support. Mark will be attending a support-building seminar July 10-14. Please pray that we will get help on how to expand our support team. Pray that the Lord will continue to add prayer and financial partners for his work.
- **Getting visas.** Pray that we will be able to get visas to allow us to stay in Germany for an extended period of time.
- **Our families.** We thank God that we and our family members have been enjoying good health. Please earnestly pray with us that our children Liam and Desiree will find lodging and means of supporting themselves before we leave again for Germany. Pray that they will also enter into good and regular Christian fellowship.

*We are Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us: "We implore you on Christ's behalf—Be reconciled to God!" 2 Corinthians 5:20*

In his service,

Mark and Corinne