



*In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade ... I Peter 1:3-4*

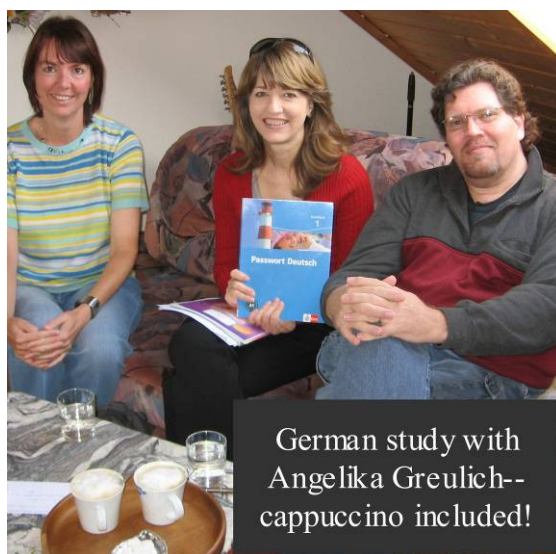
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Dear friends and family,

We hope this finds you enjoying a little warmer weather (maybe **too** warm for those of you in southeast Asia—we noticed Corinne’s one-time home town of Chiang Mai, Thailand, had a heat index of 111 degrees today)! Here in Wüstenrot, Germany, we have been having pleasant, sunny days with highs in the 50’s.

Since we wrote a month ago we have purchased a *Fortbewegungsmittel* (means of transportation) and have worked to improve our *Fremdsprachenerkenntnisse* (foreign language ability) in order to minimize our *Verständigungsschwierigkeiten* (communication difficulties).

**Artur Schmidt on the importance of learning the language:** *In Europe it is extremely important to learn the language of the people you are serving. I worked with an American preacher in Lithuania who gave up on learning the language. He has been there sixteen years now and his congregation has not grown. The Lithuanian people just do not feel a connection with him. (Artur is Kontaktmission’s coordinator for church planting in the eastern European Union countries. He spent 10 years as a church planter in Lithuania.)*



German study with Angelika Greulich-cappuccino included!

**German Christians pray for Israel:** Many German Christians have an extraordinary burden for Israel and for the Jewish people. Our language instructor, Angelika, recently invited us to participate in an Israel Prayer Meeting in her home, where over a dozen Christians from various backgrounds gathered to praise God with Israeli and German songs, hear reports on current events relating to Israel, and to pray for the salvation of Jews and Moslems.

**Conversation with Martin, a German Christian baker:** *The people of Germany remind me in ways of the nation of Israel. When things were really terrible here the people looked to God for help, and he did help us to become strong as a nation. But as our economy improved people became busy with other things and now they do not want to hear about God. In my 30 years as a Christian, not one German has responded positively to my attempts to speak to them of the Lord and the Bible. They say, “We don’t want to hear about it. Keep your beliefs to yourself.” In the*

*last two years a couple of people I witnessed to have turned to the Lord, but they were from other countries. I hope Germans will have more interest in what you have to say because you come from the U.S. Sometimes they seem more receptive to people from other countries.*

**Conversation with Gisela from Dortmund:** *I have lived in Wüstenrot for 20 years. I cried the first three years because the people here are so narrow and obstinate. (In contrast, we are continually impressed with the joyful, loving character of the German Christians we meet—truly salt and light within their culture!)*

**Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Philippians 4:6 NLT**

- God has provided us with a 1994 Audi which runs beautifully
- We have been continuing to witness God at work in and through the various congregations we are visiting
- Our German colleagues within Kontaktmission continue to be a source of inspiration, encouragement and help
- Our applications are in for our visas and bank account—we pray for good outcomes
- Coming up April 1-4 are some very important meetings for Kontaktmission: church planters will be coming from as many as 20 different countries to report about their work to their supporters from Germany, Austria and Switzerland, and to strategize for future outreach. Please pray-
  - That God will be honored in all of our preparations
  - For safe travel for all participants
  - That the contacts made, instruction received and decisions made will help to spread God's kingdom throughout the world

*Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field. Matthew 9:38*

We are grateful to be involved in this work! We are always glad to know how the Lord is working in your lives and how we can support you with our prayers!

Your partners in his service,  
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