

Weiler, 10 December 2009

Dear Praying Friends and Supporting Churches,

We want to thank you all for your sacrificial giving and prayers this past month. This month has been one where we have found our self constantly reminding our selfs to write this down, take note of that, etc. We have been trying to keep a journal of all our struggles, trials, prayer requests, praises, etc. to be able in the end to look back and see what the Lord has done. This month has proved to be yet more and more proof our great need for God and then proof of just how GREAT our God is!! We have found our selves weeping in prayer at his mighty throne, to rejoicing, and literally jumping for joy at his marvelous grace!

As one prayer letter could not contain all the great things this month, may it suffice to write just a few things: The month started with our son Tobias (8 months old) running a **fever of 106** for three days. He was sick both with diarrhea and vomiting. But in the end, the doctor said it was just teething. With Kacie staying home with the kids and not getting to do as much witnessing as I do, after prayer, the Lord has opened the door, and of all things **through "diapers"**. My wife uses cloth dippers and through them she came in contact with another lady who happens to be an American. She is married to a german man and lives about five minutes away. They are both saved and are interested in the Bible which opened the door to vie them both of our testimonies. They are interested in me and Kacie possibly teaching them a little, and why we are Baptist. Please pray for the Hecht family!

After having some **problems financially**, mostly due to the fact that our support was caught in the mail from our change of address, we were very low on funds. So low that we were not going to be able to pay our bills. After much prayer and fasting, the Lord brought to my remembrance, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." So even though I had been on the street several times that week, I told Kacie we need to go out and stay busy reaching the lost. So we hit the streets of Lindau during the first night of their christmas market. We sang a few carols and then passed out tracts for a few hours, during which the Lord brought two mew from (of all places) **Papua New Guinea**. They could only speak english and where in Lindau because they were doctors and on a business trip. They told me they were saved and from the first night they came to Germany they realized how lost and dark spiritually these people are. They prayed that God would send someone to preach the gospel to them. They were ecstatic that they found me, and insisted on me taking money from them. They said, "Please take this as an offering, that you may stay here in Germany and reach these German people that we cannot reach. Take it for us, our families, and our country, to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ." After a time of fellowship and prayer they were gone, and I stood in, "Awe!" God sent people all the way from "Papua New Guinea" to help an a american preach in Germany. **WHAT A GOD!**

I graciously had a great opportunity this month to **PREACH FOR my first time in the german language**. There are two families in Austria that have been saved. They have no church and no pastor or preacher. Brother Nico Verhoef (my pastor here in Switzerland) has been trying to help them by sending them preaching, and teaching CD's. He also tries to visit them every several months for a few days. This time I was invited to go along, where I had a great opportunity to give my personal testimony to them and preach in the german language. It was a real blessing and a spiritual burden at the same time. Please pray for these families that have no pastor, no church, no fellowship, and that live 7 hours away form the closest Bible believing church. I will end this short story with the fact that before we left Austria, they gave me a love offering, for my testimony and preaching. I went to give them a blessing and instead I got one. **WHAT A GOD!**

We got our first snowfall of around 8 inches. We live in the Allgäu mountains of Bavaria, and **I quickly realized our need for winter tires**. I went to the tire shop with the last bit of

money we had. After they put tires on my car, the service man told me I was free to go. I asked about payment and he just looked at me and said, "I said, you are free to go". He smiled and said, "Good day." **WHAT A GOD!** God has brought money in from all kinds of places that I would have never thought. All our bills are payed in full and on time.

With the cold weather moving in with rain and snow, the street work has been slower the past couple of weeks. People do not want to talk, nor take a tract. After one week of getting few open doors to talk I had a man follow me around for over 30 minutes telling every one I tried to talk to that I was crazy and there is no God and not to listen to me. I left that day a bit down and prayed, "Lord, please help that man. I know the truth. But Lord I am here to witness to them, it has been a week and getting no where. **Please Lord give me a young man...** someone that will listen and I can talk to for more than just a minute...some one that will be open." I started on my way home and not even two miles down the road I found a 17 year old boy named Matthew hitchhiking. I stopped and to make a long story short I got to witness and give a clear presentation of the gospel to him for over 20 minutes as I took him where he needed to go. At the end he thanked me, and took a few tracts and promised to read them. I sat there after he left and said, "**WHAT A GOD.**"

Over all we have been busy this month **finishing up my first semester in language** school, passing out tracts twice a week, stuffing mail boxes with tracts, street preaching and finding open doors to witness and preach the gospel. We ask prayer for the Hecht family, Zraunig and Unterreiner family (in Austria) and the souls here that we are trying to reach! We can honestly thank each of you for your prayers and support, as we try to serve our GREAT GOD!

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Your missionaries to the German speaking people of Europe
Deuteronomy 3:24