

"REACHING GERMANS, TO REACH GERMANY, EUROPE, AND THE WORLD"

Dear Praying Partners,

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MINISTRY

- Reaching German Speaking People
- Establishing New Testament Churches
- Strengthening the Things that Remain

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Our First Christmas in Germany -

The German people make Christmas a very important part of their lives. There are many special traditions that take place not just on December 25th, but throughout the entire month. The four Sundays before Christmas, called Advent, are celebrated in preparation for the coming of Christ's birth. When Christmas does arrive, it is celebrated for three days of eating, gift exchanging, and spending time with family.

A few days before Christmas, we had the opportunity to take homemade Christmas cookies along with Gospel literature to several neighboring families in our little town of Undorf. We really did not know what to expect, but the response was so much greater than we would have imagined. They were all so very kind to us, even though communication was a little difficult. Many of them invited us into their home, and we are praising God for the chance to get the Gospel of Christ into their hands along with an invitation to church.

On Christmas Eve, we attended a special service at the German church. The children performed their Christmas play and Pastor Klaus preached a great message on the true meaning of Christmas. We celebrated Christmas Day with my parents, which was very special since this was the first time in eight years that we could be together for the holidays. It meant much for my parents; as well, since this was their first time spending Christmas with Jackson, who, I might add, was loaded with presents this year from his very generous grandparents!

Our First Level of Language School Completed -

We completed our first month of language school without much difficulty. Throughout most of the class we concentrated on vocabulary and simple phrases. Towards the end of the class we began learning grammar which really made things interesting! German vocabulary is fairly simple since many words are similar to English, but German grammar is *completely* different from English! We have been enjoying a break for a few weeks and our class schedule will resume on January 10th.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to reach the German speaking people with the Gospel. We appreciate your sacrifice so that we can obey God's call on our life. May God bless you in the coming New Year!