

Reaching Germans to reach Germany, Europe, and the world

## **Dear Praying Partners**,

April-May2016

At the beginning of April, we invited Keith Klaus to our church to have him preach for us and show him our gratitude for the help his church gave in establishing our church a year ago. As you may recall, four families from his church came with us to plant the church in Neutraubling. Our special service with Pastor Keith was an encouragement and a blessing, and we are eternally grateful for the support and assistance from the Freie Baptisten Gemeinde in Oberpfraundorf.

few years ago we were introduced to Buddy Tetreault, who is an accomplished quitar and banjo his talents in player, using various evangelistic events. This year, Buddy called and asked if he could come to our church and play for us. Recently, Todd Lapato purchased a smoker and has become very proficient in smoking pulled pork. So, in May, with the combination of guitar music, delicious pulled pork, and fun for the kids, our church decided to organize a community event in our city. Throughout the event, we incorporated several ways to share God's Word with those who attended. We had a presentation where the kids from our Discovery Club sang a song and quoted a Bible verse. After their presentation, I gave a short message explaining where we find our authority. I explained that our supreme authority is not through the church or our traditions, but only through God's Word.

We also gave Gospel literature at a book table, which was arranged by one of our church ladies.

s the time came closer to the date of our event, we all were а little speculative on the turn out. We prayed, sought the help of other local churches (Keith Klaus' church, my dad's church, and Baptist High Point Church were instrumental in helping us!), and were determined to be faithful, no matter the amount of attendees. God proved that He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we could ever ask or think (Ephesians 3:20)! It seemed like people came from all over, and our best estimate was about 150 in attendance! We are thankful for the opportunity to build a relationship and share the Gospel with our community!

The need for laborers to the German speaking people is so great! In the last couple of months, we have been confronted more and more with this realization. Within about an hour's drive of us we know of three churches or groups that do not have a pastor. Each church or group, by German standards, is thriving and has an average attendance of about 30-40 people! Two of these have invited me to provide preaching for their services on a regular basis. Please pray that God will send forth laborers to help shepherd these dear believers!