



The RADANK FAMILY

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Dear Praying Partners,

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In Luke 2:17-18 we find one of the first accounts of missionaries in the Bible. *"And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds."* The description of these missionaries might not fit what we find in today's missionary. They did not have well designed prayer cards, invigorating presentations, or polished homiletical sermons. They were poor, ragged shepherds who had just witnessed something that changed their lives. They shared their experience with all who would hear, and people *"wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds"*. Do people wonder, or as the meaning of this word states, are they amazed at the good things God has done in our lives? The more we share, the more people will see God's goodness in our lives!




I am not sure of the source of this statement, but I have heard it said many times that only 10% of the church members are actually involved in the ministries of the church. At the beginning of December, our church proved that statement to be wrong! Every year the children in our church put on a Christmas play at our local nursing home. This year we decided to do something different. Instead of only having the children participate, we invited the entire church to get involved. The children, teens, single and married adults all had some part where we read verses and sang songs of Christ's birth. After I gave a short sermon, the entire church sang as a choir for one final song. As we gave small gifts to those who attended, we received encouraging feedback and requests to come back next year. I am truly thankful and proud of our church which showed 100% participation! Our prayer is that God's Word can have eternal results from our church's faithfulness.

The day after Christmas, nine of our teens went to a winter Christian camp for three days of fellowship, fun, and learning from God's Word. As I have shared in previous letters, we have been praying for the Löw Family. David, one of our teens, trusted Christ a year and a half ago, and has been growing in the Lord. His mom (Reinhilde), brother (Moritz), and sister (Leoni) have been attending church faithfully for some time now, but have not trusted in Christ. This year, Moritz attended the winter camp for the first time. During one message, the preacher asked all those who were saved to publicly announce it by raising their hand. Moritz reluctantly raised his hand, and I could tell he was somewhat confused. Later, the preacher spoke with Moritz and he shared how a few months ago "a light bulb clicked" after he heard one of my sermons. Unfortunately, their conversation was interrupted and nothing was settled. The preacher informed me of this and a few days later I spoke with Moritz. A few minutes later, after answering his questions from God's Word, Moritz trusted Christ as His Savior!

Thank you for praying for Moritz and please continue praying for the rest of this wonderful family to come to Christ. I told David and Moritz that I know many believers in the States who have been personally praying for them, and it really made an impact on them. I am so thankful for the power of prayer!



Our prayer is that you had a wonderful Christmas and the Lord will bless you throughout 2014! Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and financial support for the ministry God has given to us here in Germany!



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