



July 2007

Prayer Requests:

- † To be faithful with what God has given us and to keep the vision
- † That the Lord would firmly establish our Bible study core group and add to it in His time, favor with neighbors
- † Ability to communicate Gods' Word and Love effectively
- † Anja's transition into school, Alex into Kindergarten
- † Continuing work for Ron and/or Uli
- † Language acquisition
- † Grandparents' health

Praises:

- † Our Bible study has been going for five months!
- † Ron's work
- † New friends

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Remember the Past

Anniversaries are times to **remember** – times to recall special events in our lives and to think about their impact. This summer we were able to **remember** some very significant times in our lives! 35 years ago Ron, watching a late night television show, got curious about this preacher who said, that it was possible to have a personal relationship with God. That night he got himself a Bible and began to read. And wanting to know more, he got on the bus and followed the Christian group, whose leader had given that late night message on TV. He found them and stayed with them and gave his life to the Lord – all in June of 1972... 20 years ago Uli started a new job in Clearwater, Florida. It was a new beginning after a series of "bad". At that new work place Uli met some people who were different. One girl in particular spent a lot of time reaching out to Uli and eventually invited her to a Bible study. Things began to make sense – the questions about life, relationships and world views were answered. And Faith became real – a trust in God and His Word. A relationship with Jesus began - all in the summer of 1987... 10 years ago Ron and Uli met at Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg. He was selling doughnuts at the mission's café, she was hosting a prayer meeting for Russia. He was the friendly, always positive and helpful kind of guy, she was serious and hard working. Well, there

is more to the story – but it all began in the summer of 1997... And 1 year ago we moved to Germany, leaving our home, our business, our church, our friends and our dog Lucky behind to start a new life – all in the summer of 2006.

What can we **remember**? We **remember**, how God pursued us with His love, how He orchestrated circumstances so that we would recognize our need for His forgiveness, and how He put people into our lives who were willing to share His love and His Word with us! We **remember**, how God looked into our hearts to see our dreams, how he brought us together and gave us a family! We **remember**, how God put a desire in our hearts to serve Him and how He led us to Germany. As we **review** what the Lord has done for us in the past, we are able to look to Him for the future!

Review the Presence...

We have had an incredibly busy six months – it has been that long since we wrote our last news letter! A major highlight has been the start of a Bible study here in Wiesbaden! On February 1 we packed eleven people plus our kids into our living room! It was a very moving experience as we sang and prayed and began to study the Gospel of Matthew. Since then our little group has had a moving/paint party, a Seder dinner (this time we fed 20), a baby shower, and a hip-hop outreach.

And on May 8th the first baby was born into our group! In addition to all this Ron has had several opportunities to teach at other Calvary Chapels and Uli has been teaching Sunday school in Grünstadt once a month.

On the home front Anja has very successfully completed her year in Kindergarten! She received a great

has made some new friends among the other Moms and just recently began some translation work for a US automotive electronics company.

Regard the Future...

As we **remember** the past and **review** the presence, we can **re-gard** the future as a precious gift from God – full of opportunity! We have lots of hopes and dreams, but need to wait on the Lord to establish or to show us what

academic review and is very well liked by her teachers and the other kids. She loves to role play in the play house area and outside and often leads a little group of kids in a game or activity. We are VERY proud of her! Alex has grown up to be a very sweet and active little boy who can play for hours with his cars. His favorite video is "Cars" - Lightning, Hook and Sally are his heroes. And Jesus too! Whenever he sees a cross or a crucifix (they are pretty common here), he starts to talk about how Jesus died for our sins and for his own too! For several months Ron was able to work with Uli's brother four days a week, which has greatly helped our finances! In his free time – well, there isn't really any free time, but he manages to find a few minutes here and there – Ron enjoys his camera and has taken a gazillion pictures already. He has captured the growth of our kids as well as some of the most spectacular cloud formations and sunsets we have ever seen! Uli has been busy running her taxi service to and from school. She

He wants us to do. Ron has several teaching opportunities coming up. With Anja starting school in August we will have an opportunity to become involved at her Christian school. Alex will get her spot in Kindergarten, so there will be more opportunities to reach out to the Moms there. In September we are expecting family from the US and our dear friends, the Lairds, will stop by after their mission's trip to Rumania.

But first we will take a few weeks to rest and to have fun with the kids. Hopefully the weather will cooperate – it has been unseasonably cool!

We **remember** you all for your part in our past, presence and future and thank the Lord for you!

Mit Gottes Segen,
Ron, Uli, Anja & Alex



Michelle and Uli at Seder



Melvin & Fargys Shower



*Paint Party
Krista, Uli, Tobias & Melvin*



*Outreach – two boys helping got saved
during prior month*