



July 2009

HOSTETLER NEWS BRIEF...

How does one fit almost ten months of time into one letter??? We are going to try 'news brief style' and hope

Prayer Requests:

- ✠ Heb 12:1-3 ...to throw off everything that hinders... to run with perseverance... to fix our eyes on Jesus... so that we will not grow weary and lose heart
- ✠ leadership team to remain encouraged and faithful
- ✠ help with childcare
- ✠ balance and right priorities

Praises:

- ✠ a handful of young and enthusiastic men helping with worship, translation, web design
- ✠ God's provision of the right space to meet
- ✠ new renter for our house in Florida

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that you will be able to catch up...

September 2008 – our new worship leader begins his ministry during the Sunday afternoon Bible study at our home – Uli has a kidney stone and spends three days in the hospital - Anja (7) has a princess birthday.



October 2008 – the local YMCA loses their Sunday afternoon renter and offers their facility to us; only problem: they need it every 4th Sunday

November 2008 – signing a contract with the YMCA to rent space from them

December 2008 – first Sunday service with Sunday school for the kids at the YMCA – Advent celebration with over 40 guests – Christmas and New Year with family



January 2009 – special prayer meeting about our space; Ron really feels

like we need a place where we can be every Sunday

February 2009 – Church of the Nazarenes loses their Sunday afternoon renter and offers the time slot to us; our board approves the move and we sign a contract with them, able to meet there every Sunday afternoon AND Wednesday night - Alex has a dinosaur birthday (5)



March 2009 – first service at new space - Uli has a non-birthday - our friends Günther (CC pastor in Grünstadt) and Jennifer get married

April 2009 – two wonderful and tough weeks in Florida, taking care of business and reconnecting with friends – the current renters of our home in St. Pete definitely will not renew their lease, we are putting the word out about needing new renters – Uli's kidney DJ-track removed – CC St. Pete construction team, which is working in Siegen, visits our Sunday service and brings several suitcases full with Uli's books (she's been waiting for them for 3 years)

May 2009 – regional CC women's retreat: 30 women attend, Uli helps organize and conducts Salt & Light work-

shop with 6 ladies going up to Siegen for a day to a CC leadership conference – 3 year anniversary of being in Germany – a ‘praying friend’ forwards to us an e-mail from a lady who is desperately looking for a home to rent no later than July 1. Turns out that her son is best friends with our old renters’ son and they all fellowship at the same church



June 2009 – old renters move out, a dear friend handles all the repairs and contractual affairs, and new renters move in

MINISTRY SUMMARY:

After several very intense months with lots of challenges and changes we continue to sense the Lord’s grace towards us and can clearly observe how He is at work here in Wiesbaden!



We are in a real church building, average around 25 during our services, have a handful of committed young helpers, a steady flow of guests and a small group of kids.



We are currently planning an outreach for the last week in July. In ad-

dition to a weekly Old Testament Bible study on Tuesday nights at the house of our worship leader and our Sunday service we are looking to the Lord about how to use our Wednesday night slot as well.

FAMILY UPDATE:

Ron continues to work as a freelance English teacher at Berlitz and has added a few private students to his already very busy schedule. He teaches through Isaiah on Tuesday nights and is almost done with the gospel of Matthew on Sundays. His very little free time he spends either doing something with the kids or taking photos, or doing both at the same time.

Uli’s translating work has been minimal, but she continues to take care of the administrative things for the family, Ron’s business and the church. She meets other Moms for prayer once a week and is hoping to start a Salt & Light group soon. She takes care of the kids during Sunday school, which has gone bi-lingual due to the addition of an American family.

Anja is finishing first grade and



loves to draw pictures and write stories. Her favorite toy is a stable full of horses.



Alex is very excited about starting school in Fall. He has been ‘doing homework’ with his big sister for a while and also

loves to draw. His favorite toys include dinosaurs, cars and more cars.

We got to see Ron’s family over Easter – his Dad (81) remains in good health!



Uli’s Dad is hanging in there, his prostate cancer not getting worse.

We need you!

We have been in Germany now for three years and the Lord has wonderfully sustained us. It has not been easy, but we really feel that we are not alone in this. We treasure your prayers – several ‘problems’ have solved themselves in such wonderful ways, that we KNOW that it was because of praying friends. And even though we did not ask for any money, we were able to completely finance our trip to Florida using money given to us.

Yet at this point in our ministry here we would like to ask you to prayerfully consider the following: Even though we have been diligent in working and providing for most of our expenses, we will continue to need financial support. August will be a turning point for us financially. Ron will no longer get help from the government for his business, our health insurance will go up and we will have school payments for both kids.

Would you please consider helping us by joining our team financially and in prayer? We understand that many of you are struggling during these tough economic times. But some of you may have a little extra and may be praying about investing into God’s kingdom.

May the Lord’s blessings rest on you and may you sense His loving kindness daily!

Mit Gottes reichem Segen,
Ron, Uli, Anja & Alex Hostetler