



The Hostetler Newsletter



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Growing

Do you sometimes read an old familiar Bible story and come away with a totally new insight? And then you realize how perfectly it fits for

Prayer Requests:

† 1 Peter 4:9-11 ...to faithfully administer God's grace... speaking the very words of God... serving with the strength God provides...

† leadership to grow in wisdom, unity, grace and commitment

† long term solution for our meeting place – cooperation, finances, parking

Praises:

† a handful of helpers for the children

† growing numbers of people visiting and staying

† God's faithfulness

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your circumstance? I had one of those moments recently, looking at Gideon. Usually we focus on his fleeces, but this time I realized the good example he was:

- he believed God and obeyed right away (even though he was afraid and did it at night)
- he later does another job with only a few men – facing the enemy against all odds
- he defuses criticism with wisdom and humility
- he does not get side-tracked by rejection but stays focused on his job

How we can learn from him!

One of our greatest challenges here in Germany is also to believe God and obey – in spite of our fears, against all odds, being criticized and experiencing rejection.

Our fears are often concerning the future or about the judgment of others. Numbers are also a challenge for us – we certainly do not have enough men (or women) to do the job. And not everybody is supportive of our ideas or willing to help.

Yet we are committed to stay focused on the job the Lord has given us – to raise godly children and to plant a church here in Wiesbaden.

Ministry Update:

We have been very encouraged about the growth in our fellowship. During a Sunday service we are currently averaging about 45 adults and 10 kids. We always hang out for cake and coffee afterwards and added a once a month potluck dinner to facilitate getting to know each other. This event already exceeds the capacity of our facility!!! On Tuesdays we have Old Testament Bible study at someone's home, with a regular group of about 10. In September we had our first Ladies' Breakfast.



Lana & Michelle

Our 'old' worship leader Michelle has moved to Wiesbaden to be more available to serve with us!



Larry & Team

One of the Americans (father of five, gifted musician, ex-military, from CC Okinawa, Japan) has started a youth

ministry twice a month on Friday nights and is helping with worship. Two more young people with great skill are helping in that area as well. AND we have several young women interested in helping with the children – our first training is scheduled for 11/7!



Street Outreach

We continue to do monthly outreaches downtown Wiesbaden and are happy to say, that even the little ones are eager to help!



Little Helpers

There are many others out there to 'witness' like the young Muslim missionaries in this picture -



please pray for the many others who are out there as well, proclaiming their faiths.

Because all of us are working full time and/or have small children there is a constant battle for priorities - *please pray that we would grow in our under-*

standing of setting right priorities and making time for the things that matter most to God.

Our meeting place also gives us many opportunities to run to the Lord. Because we rent space from another church we need to work together with many different people (4 different nationalities!), coordinate schedules and simply get along – *please pray for unity and long term cooperation that glorifies God.*

Family Update:

In the summer we were able to get away for a few days and had a wonderful time at a Youth Hostel located in an ancient castle. We hiked and swam and enjoyed being together.



Ron still does double duty as an English teacher and Pastor. Encouraged by her husband to do something fun, Uli started to teach a dance class at the Christian school. Anja is in 2nd grade and Alex in Eingangsstufe (K). We are thankful for good health, great kids and new friends.



Uli's parents are hanging in there and we are thankful for every day they are with us.



Uli's Parents on a good day...

We often feel like we are burning the candle on both ends, but are encouraged about what the Lord is doing, hoping for more restful times soon...

Financial Update:

We want to thank those of you who responded to our last newsletter as well as those who have been faithful to support us for the last three years. Things remain tight for us, but we are trusting the Lord for our needs.

A God story: Due to a misunderstanding we ended up owing a significant amount of money for the German equivalent of social security. We made them an offer to pay part now and the balance in monthly payments. They ended up approving the monthly payment, but declined an initial down payment – because the computer could not handle that ☺

Invitation:

We continue to invite you to pray for us and for Calvary Chapel Wiesbaden! We also would love to have visitors! We are hoping to convert our living room into a guest room soon – so come on over!

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