

# The Hostetler Newsletter

August 2012

## There is a time for everything...

As the writer of Ecclesiastes expresses so well in his poetic list of counterparts, life consists of different seasons and the Lord has made them both. The best we can do is to embrace them as gifts from Him and pray to be able to see the glorious purpose for which He sent them – to draw us nearer into His presence or to trust Him in a deeper way.

### Prayer Requests:

- Wisdom and the ability to change things that need to be changed as we desire to be more balanced in our responsibilities
- More committed helpers especially in children's ministry and for the building team
- for our young men to grow in maturity, responsibility and leadership

### Praises:

- SEED was reinstated
- a wonderful time in Florida
- a growing team of co-laborers excited about the Lord's work

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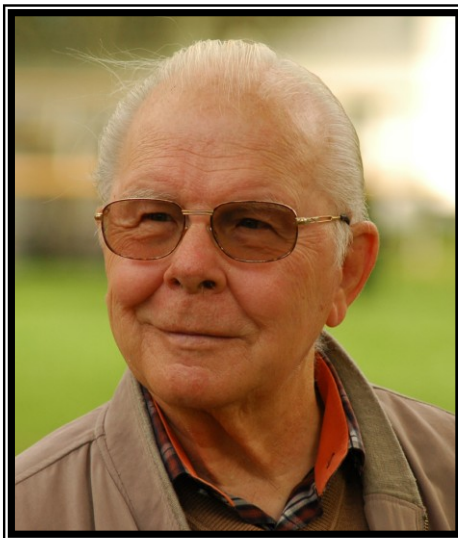
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## Saying Good By

In May Uli's Dad was taken to the hospital for the third time in little over one year. This time, in addition to all his other physical problems, he had developed kidney failure. In a miraculous way he recovered once more and with the right medicines became more alert than in a long time. We were given some very precious moments to reconnect and assure him of our love, and he responded in kind. Yet in our hearts we knew, that his time had come. It was very difficult to watch him go but somehow we managed to grant him his last request – to die at home. God glorified Himself in it all, allowing us to see many answered prayers and to have a wonderful and Spirit filled funeral. As sad as it was, we are rejoicing, that Dad has arrived at his final destination in the presence of our Lord Jesus, and that we will see him again one day.



Rudolf Schrauth - † 14. June 2012

## Ministry Highlights

In April we had our annual **Ladies Retreat** with other Calvary Chapels in our region. Our own worship leader Michelle stepped out in faith

and blessed us with wonderful times of worship, while Uli got to 'try' herself at the sound board and PC. It



was a great team effort! We enjoyed the opportunity to get to know each other in our small group from Wiesbaden.

In June we had another **Baptism in the Rhine River**. This time the Lord blessed us with excellent weather and we celebrated the decisions of two very special people. Our own son **Alex** followed the Lord in baptism after showing himself to be mature enough in his understanding and strong in his desire to follow



Jesus. He has become quite the little preacher! The second person who got baptized was **Anselm**, a young man who just moved to Wiesbaden from Calvary Chapel Freiburg. He is a gifted musician and a mature believer with lots of experiences in ministry. We are trusting, that the Lord has brought him and his wife to Wiesbaden to help us build His church.

The rest of the month was jam-packed with challenges and opportunities. First we had to bury Uli's Dad, next came the annual Missions Weekend of the organization Uli works for. Then came the arrival of 10 awesome

people from our home church in St. Petersburg – the **Remnant!** Jillian, Hayden, Bekka, Eric, Justin, Dustin, Ian and Chris cleaned the church, helped us with our Street Outreach,



did worship and children's ministry while Paul Evans blessed us with a teaching series out of 2 Peter. His wife Betsy was a constant encourager to all of us. This was our first team visit and we are delighted to hear that they want to come back! In addition, two of the young people are seriously praying about coming back for a longer period. We are excited about how the Lord is answering our plea for help!



Arriving in Florida we immediately searched out our adopted Grandparents **Vivian and Marilyn Laird**. Having heard about Viv's declining health we were delighted to spend time with them, talk about the old days and pray with them.

It was a tremendous blessing to get refilled spiritually at our home church in St. Petersburg. How wonderful to just sit back and enjoy great worship and teaching! We also had many opportunities to share about our work with old and new friends. We felt connected and supported in many ways.

While we were in Florida our team of young leaders kept things going at



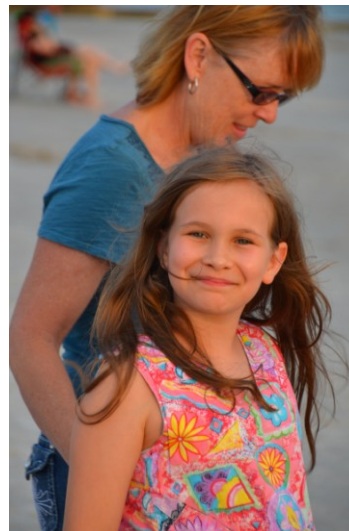
**Calvary Chapel Wiesbaden** and we are so proud of them. We will continue to work on empowering them to take more responsibilities and to help share the load of ministry. Ron started to meet with the men in a **leadership circle** and we are looking to the Lord to raise up future elders to join him in the decision making process.

### Family Update

**Ron** has taken another step towards having more time for ministry. He now works only half-time as an English teacher, devoting the rest of his time to preparing his messages, planning and meeting with people. This also gives us a little more time for family on the weekend.

**Uli** is still juggling too many things and we are praying and waiting on the Lord to bring much needed relief. She is working on better time management and on handing off projects as the Lord provides helpers.

**Anja** (almost 11) started secondary school and is trying to get used to a much higher work load. She still likes Ballet and to play with her Play Mobil horses. In Florida she especially enjoyed Bush Gardens and all the animal related things there. She now wants to become an animal care taker.



**Alex** (8) entered 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and still has to adjust to listening and paying attention – at school and at home ☺ He loves to play soccer and we often



ride our bikes together as a family. He is the fastest and strongest in our group! He loves to read his Bible and memorize verses! In Florida he loved the beach, diving for shells and jumping waves. He also loved the roller coasters at Busch Gardens.



We were able to spend a few days with Ron's family who joined us in Florida – Grandpa Hostetler, David and Crystal, Ian, Rohan and Delany, and others.

We want to say a special '**Thank You**' to all those who made it possible for us to come to Florida this summer and to have a wonderful time! We were so blessed by your faith, concern, generosity and hospitality!

Blessings from Germany,  
**Ron, Uli, Anja & Alex**