

The Hostetler Newsletter

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Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

This continues to be the theme of our life here in Germany as we watch the Lord working in us and around us. Sometimes the progress seems all too slow and it tries our patience or drains our strength. But in our hearts we believe that He is causing things to grow while we try to faithfully plant and water....

Prayer Requests:

- healthy growth in our fellowship – wise stewardship with our resources – unity and effective working together
- our leadership team to grow in wisdom and insight
- godly leadership for the areas of worship and children's ministry
- lasting fruit from our freedom workshops – continuing on with Salt & Light

Praises:

- many new people coming to CC Wiesbaden
- Freedom Workshop with Debbie Friley
- God's sustaining grace

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Ministry Highlights

At Calvary Chapel Wiesbaden we are growing! In Fall we took out the separating wall to open the meeting room up for more chairs. To accommodate the additional children we converted part of a kitchen into a class room – we now have three children's classes! In February we were given the opportunity to rent a 4-room apartment above the church.



Entrance to Church with flat on top

The biggest room will be used as a multi purpose meeting room – especially for the growing group of older children. Another room will become the church office – this way we can finally move the office out of our bedroom at home! The other two rooms we are currently renting out to help pay for the additional expenses.

Freedom Workshop In January Debbie Friley visited us and presented many of our ladies the message of the freedom workshop. We were able to follow up the conference starting four freedom workshop groups. We have a few more weeks to go and are excited about how the Lord is beginning to change our lives using His Word to



expose lies we believe, replacing it

with His truth! We hope to continue with the Salt & Light format to keep going.



Uli's FW-Group

Leadership Circle Ron is now meeting monthly with a group of young men, talking and praying about the things that pertain to our growing fellowship. We hope that the Lord will soon raise up from them a couple of men who can become elders. Especially in the areas of worship and children's ministry we desire to have someone who loves the Lord and is gifted to lead and serve commit more time and energy to develop these areas of ministry.

Easter Weekend We just celebrated the Lord's saving work on the cross and His glorious resurrection with our brothers and sisters in the Lord. On Thursday evening Ron taught us again the symbolism of the Passover



as we listened to God's Word and tasted the elements of a Seder. Saturday we met with some families to do an Easter egg hunt for the kids and to do our first barbeque this year. This is always a great opportunity to get to know folks on a more personal basis. Sunday we celebrated the Lord's resurrection during a very blessed service with many visitors!

Family Update

Ron has reduced his tent making job of teaching English to 1/2 time. As the church continues to grow we are hoping to be able to further reduce this in order for him to better be able to serve his family and the church. In his very limited free time he keeps up with old and new friends through Facebook, maintains a blog and occasionally gets to take some photos with his new camera.

Uli is still working on simplifying her life with the Lord's help. She has taken a break from children's ministry and gotten involved with the freedom workshop instead. In March the Lord allowed her to fulfill a childhood dream – a trip to Egypt. A special news letter about that will follow!



Anja (11) is in 5th grade and after some initial struggles she is doing quite well at school. She is changing into a young lady, enjoying all the things young ladies like – shopping, going out for breakfast, painting nails, getting dressed up... She loves to read and still does ballet.

Alex (9) is in 3rd grade and is doing well academically. He is growing taller and becoming stronger – we are still looking for the right sport for him. He tried track and field last year and enjoyed it, but we haven't found a club yet he can join. He also likes to swim, play soccer, and climb around in the trees.



As we are looking back over almost seven years of being in Germany we are especially thankful to all of you who have prayed for us, supported us financially, and stayed in touch with us! It means so very much to us and we hope, that you are encouraged as well as you see all that the Lord is doing in Germany.

We want to remind you that we now have more space and opportunities to receive guests! We would be blessed if some of you want to come and see what is going on in person!

Blessings from Germany,
Ron, Uli, Anja & Alex