

Bible College Visit

Shortly after writing our last newsletter, we received a visit from five students from Crown College of the Bible, in Powell, Tennessee. They spent 10 days with our family and were a huge help to the ministry. They assisted us in tract distribution in both Germany and Liechtenstein. They also encouraged the Leutkirch church through music, as well as through Bible teaching and preaching. Their greatest contribution, however, was the time they spent with our children. Each of them took time to get to know our kids and learn about their lives here in Germany. Their genuine interest in our kiddos was an encouragement.

"I have decided to follow Jesus"

Mid-July was a special time for the Leutkirch congregation, as we welcomed new members to the congregation, and baptized two ladies: "L" and "S". "L" is 14 years old. She and her mother used to be our neighbors. Her mom was saved and baptized a while ago. Shortly after her mom was saved, "L" placed her faith in Jesus Christ. Like her mom and many others from this area, she took her time considering the costs of publicly identifying herself with Christ. There is a definite "price" to following Christ, and young Christians in Europe understand it very well. Since her baptism, she has been active in serving the church family. Please pray for her as she grows in her faith.

"S" was saved after hearing the gospel at the church Cafe'. Her simple faith in Christ and pure joy over being a child of God are contagious. She knows many people in Leutkirch and is always telling them about her Savior. At her baptism, she was overjoyed that her adult daughters could attend and hear the gospel preached. Please pray for "S" to grow in her faith, for her daughters to be saved, and for her witness in Leutkirch.

Evangelistic Basketball Camp

At the end of July, the Leutkirch church hosted her second evangelistic basketball camp. Jon Soemer and his crew of missionary basketball coaches joined our co-laborer Jennifer Andrews in leading the camp. This year, with the help of God, we were able to secure a much larger gym than the one we used last year, which allowed us to double the amount of campers. For three days they learned fundamental basketball skills, and each day they had the gospel presented to them. On the final day, after the closing tournament, parents and guests were invited to attend an award ceremony and lunch. At the closing ceremony, Coach Evan gave a clear gospel presentation. There were around 100 guests in attendance (including the players), many of which had never heard the gospel before. Others had been to our previous camp and could be challenged once again to trust in Christ for salvation. What an incredible opportunity! Thank you for praying. Please continue to pray that those who heard the gospel will open their hearts to the Savior.

Farewell

Austin and Lori came to Liechtenstein a couple of years ago. They came on a work contract and offered their time, energy, and resources to assist our team of workers in the ministry. They even allowed us to meet in their home for our bi-monthly Bible studies. Unfortunately, in August, the time we knew would eventually come, had come. They were transferred to another country. We are grateful to God for bringing them to Liechtenstein. He used them to open doors for gospel ministry, to challenge us in our love for the Savior, and to encourage us to be faithful in a challenging area of the world.

Parental Visit

Mom and Dad Brown visited in August. This was probably the biggest highlight of the summer. We had a great time with them and cherished each moment. They were also a blessing to the congregation, as Dad preached and Mom sang in the Sunday meeting. As it always is with family, it was difficult to see them go. However, we were refreshed by them being here.

His-Story Exhibition

One of the most unique outreach efforts the Leutkrich church has hosted has been the "His-Story Ausstellung". It is a Traveling Exhibition' which covers 2000+ years of Christian church history. Both the good and bad that have been done in the name of Christ are fairly represented. The expose' attracts both critics of Christianity, as well as followers of Christ. Also, there is something for every age group. The kids love the "Hands-On" displays like the uniforms, weapons, and replica Gutenberg printing press. Also, there's plenty of reading for those who are willing to take their time. All guests are challenged to examine history through the lens of scripture. Not all things done in Christ's have been good. Some have been truly evil. Yet only those who through faith, have followed the teachings of Christ in the New Testament can be called "Christian".

We have been hosting the exhibition since October 8th, and it will end on the 16th. Please pray for the many visitors who have attended, particularly those with whom we have been able to share the gospel.

Gospel Concert

As if there were not enough going in early October, we thought we'd throw in a gospel concert. All kidding aside, our church was asked to sponsor a Christian concert in the town of Bad Wurzach, which is about 20 minutes from Leutkirch. This was an unexpected opportunity that allowed us to minister to a new area. As you can see from the photo, the concert hall was full. There were many Christians in attendance, but also a good number of unsaved people. The main emphasis of the concert was evangelism, as the singers repeated the message of the gospel and called people to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. During the concert, a young lady gave her testimony of salvation, coming to Christ out of a Roman Catholic background. It capped off a great event, as there were many Catholics in attendance who were confronted with their need to trust in Christ alone for salvation.

The church family worked well together to help host this concert. It was a blessing to see so many from our small congregation invest their time, energy, and prayer to serve the Lord and the community of Bad Wurzach.