



July - August, 2022

"Denn ich, der Herr, dein Gott, ergreife deine rechte Hand und sage dir: Fürchte dich nicht; ich helfe dir!"

Jesaja 41, 13

"For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee."

Isaiah 41:13

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MINISTRY GOALS

- Evangelizing the lost in their language and culture
- Discipling Believers
- Planting Churches
- Training Pastors to reach their own people

Dear Praying Friends,

This has been an incredible last two months here at Berlin. Living in this city filled with sin, wickedness, and injustice, it can be easy to forget that God is still in control. We too often think and behave as though God is distant, but He reminds us through seemingly impossible situations, that He is accomplishing His will in this very spiritually dark place. We thank God for His great grace that enables us to share the light of the gospel with those here.

For the past two years, we have been preparing for a Scriptural campaign to hand out thousands of John / Romans and tracts to the people of Berlin. However, COVID restrictions forced us to move the date back until this summer. The restrictions were lifted and we were finally able to have this campaign.

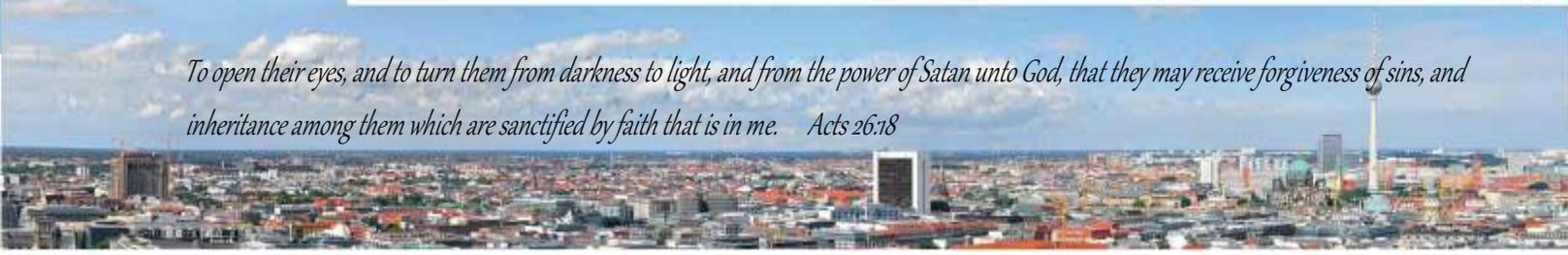
The Scripture campaign has come and gone faster than we could have imagined. We had a group of 16 people who traveled from the U.S. to distribute God's Word throughout Berlin. Over 83,000 pieces of literature went into the hands and homes of the people. During the campaign, I personally had several opportunities to talk to people on the street about the meeting and about the Bible. Even though not many people attended the evangelistic service, where I had the privilege of presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we had visitors come to church who attended the meeting. All who came received a free Bible, an invitation to our Bible study, and information about our church. So far, we have people taking the online Bible study course and we have also started a few personal Bible studies at homes throughout the city. Please pray that the literature and Bible studies will find "good ground" and people will continue to communicate with us about what the Bible has to say.

However, Satan is not happy that Berlin was and is going to receive this mass Scripture distribution, so he tried to put up many road blocks (here are just a few obstacles):

BIRTHDAYS

Scott Sept 11
Kris Jun 26
Anniversary Oct 18, 1986

To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Acts 26:18





- The shipping container arrived to Hamburg in a timely manner, but was delayed delivery over a simple number that was not included on the shipping label – but God had the container delivered and with NO customs fee due (“...*God will hold thy right hand...*”).
- For two years no one would rent us a hall to hold the evangelistic meeting in – but God opened up the very hall that represents freedom to Berliners, where the preaching message “Spiritual Freedom” was able to be presented (“...*God will hold thy right hand...*”).
- The delay of the meeting due to COVID, the group from the U.S. went from 40 people to 16 people to hand out the literature – but God used them to hand out over 30,000 invitations and John/Romans in an eight-day period and 50,000 more were mailed directly into Berliner’s homes (“...*God will hold thy right hand...*”).
- The preaching meeting and Bible study was not well attended and many negative and rude comments were given through social media - but God, so far, has people taking online Bible study courses, visitors coming to church, and personal Bible studies every week in different parts of the city. Also, through conversations on the streets, there have been individuals who are interested in attending the church services (“...*God will hold thy right hand...*”).

Thank you for praying for the Scriptural distribution campaign, but please continue to pray for “fruit” to be produced as the result of this campaign. Much work is still in the process and souls are in the balance. We want to see Berliners come to Christ, but this “hard ground” needs to be broken up so the “seed” can find good soil to take root.

Thank you again for your faithfulness and your love and care for us. You are a blessing.

In His Service,
Scott & Kris Poling

Prayer Requests:

1. Those who are taking the online Bible course
2. Omid and Margarita for weekly personal Bible studies
3. Joshua, Solomon, and Marina’s family to be faithful in coming to church services
4. Hearts of the people that have received / and will be receiving Spiritual literature would be receptive
5. Independent Baptist Church of Berlin to grow (physically and spiritually)