



September - October, 2022

*"Die mit Tränen säen, werden mit Freuden ernten."*

Psalm 126, 5

*"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."*

Psalm 126:5

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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 Pastors and Praying Friends,

We are so thankful for each of you for your faithfulness in praying and supporting us in this very spiritually dark and needy city. We feel honored to partner with you in presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ here in Berlin.

As we mentioned in our last letter, we have just finished the Scriptural distribution campaign and have started a Bible study for people to hear about Bible Truths. We asked for prayer to have the "hard soil" of Berliner's hearts to be broken up so the "seed" of the Word of God could take root. Even though the "hard soil" is still in dire need to be broken up – as was evident with the few people who came to the meeting, there has been evidence of germination of "seed" and we are praising God as we get to "reap in joy."

Here are some reasons for us "reaping in joy":

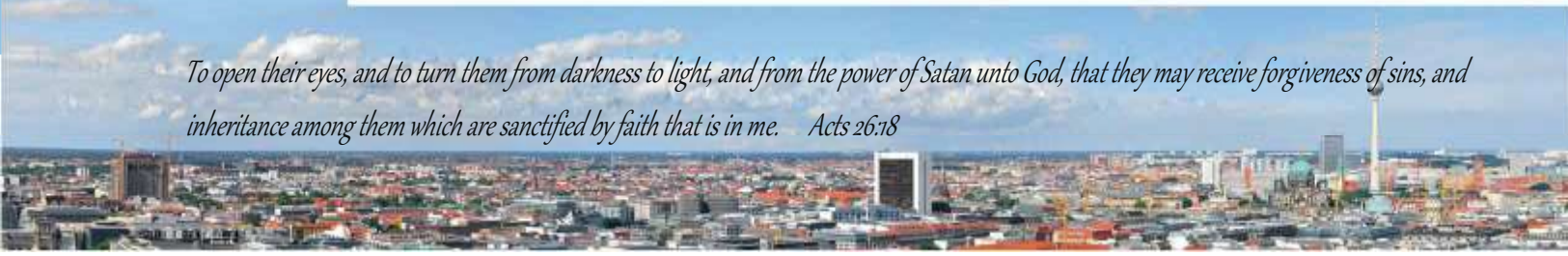
- Omid. He agreed, even though slowly, in taking the Bible study and having us come to his apartment and explaining the lessons. Pray he will be faithful in completing these lessons and that he will not let his work schedule be an obstacle to him.
- Margarita. She is an older lady who came to the church after attending the outreach meeting and started to take the Bible study course. Due to the distance of the church from her apartment, and the difficulty traveling that distance, she informed us that she could not physically make the services. So, we give her the messages from the services before in order for her to read them at home. Please pray for her that she will complete the lessons.
- Eric. He is a young man who came to the outreach meeting and is seeking to hear worship services in English. Although he has not been to a worship service yet, he is participating in the online Bible study. Pray he will finish the course and come to church.



#### 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*







- **Rebecca.** This is a young lady who received the invitation to the outreach meeting from the distribution on the street and immediately contacted us. She is an American who works here and was excited to hear that there was a Baptist church in the city. She is currently taking the Bible course online and has shown interest in coming to our services. Pray that she and her husband will come and that they will also be faithful in completing the Bible study.

- **Frank.** He visited our church a couple weeks ago. He heard about our services from his ex-wife who visited us last spring. He said his ex-wife told him if he wanted to hear truth from the Bible, he should come to our services – so he did! Pray he will return to the services, even though he lives a great distance from the church, and that he will also participate in the Bible study. We have also told him we will be willing to travel to his apartment to hold the Bible study there to make it easier for him. Pray he will accept our invitation.

God is so good and we have many reasons to be *“reaping in joy.”* But we are also still *“sowing in tears”* as there are over four million people in this city who need to hear the Word of God. We live in the district of Pankow, which is the most populous district of Berlin, with about 500,000 people living here. Our goal is to get the Word of God (i.e., John / Romans booklets, a Gospel tract, and a church invitation) into each house and apartment in this district. Right after the outreach meeting our Pastor and his wife came to help us with this distribution effort. We were also blessed to have a couple from our church come after Pastor left to help and we were able to distribute over 10,000 pieces of literature between them. We still have around 100,000 John / Romans left to hand out, and this task seems daunting, as it is just my wife and I walking the streets placing the booklets into the homes of Berliners. Please pray for us, as there are many streets we have not covered yet. Pray for guidance, direction, opportunities to witness, and strength to accomplish this endeavor.

As we go out into the streets, we are also building relationships. We have had good conversations with the local fire department members, the neighbors of the church, and even our social media has brought many phone calls and emails. Our name is starting to touch base with the people here, as someone was coming to church one Sunday and asked someone on the sidewalk where Siegfriedstr. 5 was (our church address). The person answered by saying, “You mean where the Baptist church is?” – *“reaping in joy”*.

Thank you to each of you. You make it possible through your sacrifice and dedication to the cause of Christ of reaching lost souls in Berlin! We are humbled by your love and care for us.

In His Service,

**Scott & Kris Poling**

Prayer Requests:

1. Omid, Joshua, Solomon, and Marina to be faithful to the worship service
2. Personal and online Bible Studies throughout the city.
3. Hearts of the people receiving the literature in Pankow would be receptive
4. Independent Baptist Church of Berlin to grow (physically and spiritually)
5. To be a help to our community – both spiritually and physically.