



YOUR MISSIONARIES THE RICHARDS TO GERMANY



DEAR PASTOR AND CHURCH,



BACK TO SCHOOL (RULES) OUTREACH SERVICES - This year we held our very first 'Back to School' Sunday event in the month of September. One of the parents called it 'Back to Rules,' as this is what he was really looking forward to. We prepared American style corn dogs for the first time as a special treat for this event, and it was a great hit, since many Germans had never tried a corn dog before. Even through this was the last weekend before the beginning of school and some members were still traveling, we had over 40 people in attendance including visitors. Praise the Lord. Please pray for the salvation of these lost visitors. Thank you.

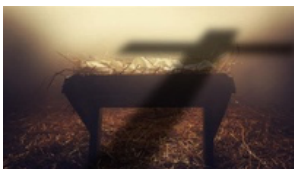


'ERNTEDANK' (GERMAN THANKSGIVING) — Most European countries have their own version of a Fall Harvest/Thanksgiving holiday and in Germany this holiday falls in October. Although not as big a celebration as in the US, the German Thanksgiving focuses more on being thankful for the harvest and is traditionally celebrated in the state church. This is therefore a great opportunity to invite people to a bible believing church where they can celebrate Erntedank and, more importantly, hear the gospel message which they will not receive in the state church. In typical Baptist fashion, we celebrated the holiday with a potluck following the Sunday services and it was a wonderful event where the gospel message was clearly presented to the lost in attendance. We enjoyed some great traditional German dishes, but the fellowship was even better. Please join us in prayer that the Lord will continue to work on the hearts of the unsaved that we might see them saved someday soon. Thank you.

DEAR FRIENDS — One of my dearest friends, Pastor Claude Slate, and his wife were able to visit us for the weekend of our Erntedank services. Praise the Lord! They were accompanied by their Pastor, Brandon Shull, and his wife. We were able to enjoy wonderful fellowship and reminisce about times gone past. Praise the Lord for wonderful friends whose company and fellowship we can enjoy on earth, but more importantly who we will spend eternity with. Praise the Lord! What a blessing their visit was!



UPCOMING OUTREACH SERVICES/EVENTS — Since Christmas is one of the most important 'religious' holidays in German culture, it is an important time of year for us because it is perhaps the only time even agnostic Germans will attend a church service when they are invited. This is because attending a Christmas 'church' service is part of the German Christmas tradition. Unfortunately, this usually means attending a state 'church' where, as stated earlier, the gospel is non-existent. But it gives us a wonderful opportunity to invite people to come hear the gospel, so we plan several special outreach events to help facilitate this. The first of these is our upcoming annual cookie exchange activity, when church members exchange their favorite cookies, so that we then create plates of mixed cookies that are then given to people along with an invitation to our Christmas service. This year we have been praying that each church member will be able to bring at least one new visitor to this service. Please pray that we will reach, and even exceed, this goal so that many more individuals can hear the gospel and accept Jesus Christ as their personal savior. Thank you.



PRAYER REQUESTS –

More fundamental Baptist missionaries	The Church in Ingolstadt, Germany (Missionary Seth Richards)
More to be saved and baptized in Germany	More to follow the call for service <i>"Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;"</i> - Matthew 9:37
Faithfulness in the Last Days - <i>Hebrews 10:25</i>	That my son-in-law, Missionary Jeremy Randle, will be able to raise his support as Germany needs fundamental Baptist missionaries who are faithful soulwinners.

In Christ,

Bill Richards

"I bare you on eagles' wings" – Exodus 19:4