

# Germany

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How can I, except some man should guide me? Acts 8:31

Dear Pastor and Church,

## Disc Golf: New Witnessing Opportunity



We just started a new activity that we can use as a witnessing tool with the men in the church: Disc Golf. We go out on Saturday and play 18 holes and pass out tracts and invitations to other people playing, or to people just passing through the park. Since it is free to play disc golf and the only cost are the discs, it is very affordable. Not only that, but it has the extra benefit of getting some additional steps in that do us all good. What an opportunity to meet people that we can witness to and invite to church.

## Helsinki Bible Institute

Since my last letter, I had the opportunity to fly to Helsinki, Finland to personally teach at the last session for this semester of their bible institute. The teaching location was out in the woods away from the city, actually we were on a peninsula surrounded by a beautiful lake (see pictures). The classes were held in a log cabin, and surprisingly we had almost no mosquitos - praise the Lord (I hate mosquitos). What a beautiful place, but more so the spiritual aspect of it all. The pastor asked Brian Johnson, Missionary to Lithuania (the other teacher) and I to preach that following Sunday, which is sometimes called: Pentecost Sunday. We preached the gospel clear straight from Acts chapter 2, and I specifically homed in on the fact that "they were pricked in their heart" and the corresponding verse in Proverbs "faithful are the wounds of a friend." Between both



sermons, people from the church quoted or read poems that they themselves had written or that were meaningful to them for this occasion. After both sermons were finished, to my surprise, the preacher got up and preached a 10-minute sermon and the translator that translated Brian and my sermons from English into Finish, now translated what the preacher was saying in Finish to Brian and I in English. Which is how we learned that one of the poems was called "happy birthday church on Pentecost" and the pastor explained that this was not biblical and wrong; the church existed and was founded by Christ before Pentecost. Brian then leaned over to me and said: before we started teaching here, they had no clue about church doctrine. To me that was the greatest compliment we could receive for our efforts to teach them biblical doctrine.

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