



Dear brothers and sisters,

“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.” Isa. 55:6

Entering the end of August and beginning of September, students from grade school gradually start their new semester. Germans like to bring their kids out for vacation or visit family during summer holidays. Since Germany is not a very big country, there are only a few major highways that connect areas from east to west and north to south. If all states start the summer holidays at the same time, there will be traffic jams. Therefore, all states except two would discuss and plan their own holiday dates in order to avoid the problem. We are in the State called Hessen. When summer holiday started, most of the mothers in our Riedberg bible study group would bring their kids back to China. As such, our bible study group stopped meeting. When it was almost time for them to return, the state of Bayern started their holidays. Since Aschaffenburg is in Bayern, that bible study group stopped meeting.

Before returning home, a sister from our bible study group requested to pray for her because she had a passion and mission to evangelise to her mother-in-law. Her mother-in-law got cancer a few months ago when her husband returned to visit her. Even though her husband is not yet a believer, he was asked by her to tell her mother-in-law the gospel. So, he got a 4 spiritual law booklet from our pastor and read it to her. As soon as the sister arrived home, she was told that her own mother also got cancer. She was heavy laden. Since she had this burden to evangelise to her mother-in-law and amazingly, God had also prepared her. When she talked about her faith to her, she found out that her sister-in-law who also was not a believer had already given a bible to her mother-in-law. So, when she asked her to accept Jesus Christ as her Saviour, she accepted. On the other hand, because her own family member was afraid to tell her mother about the cancer, her mother was not told of her illness yet.

This year's co-worker training camp was held in August. One thing special was that we didn't invite any speaker for this camp. Co-workers mentioned that there were a lot of biblical knowledge but not the practical know-how in last year's feedback. So, some of our pastoral co-workers designed this year's program especially tailored to our co-workers who are leaders in different churches, bible study groups in Germany. This is a new attempt and the feedback was good. Both the pastoral co-workers and lay leaders had closer contact.

Last year, it was after the new students came that Giessen bible study group had the heart to start student ministry. Therefore, we missed organise any welcome program. Since end of last year, we had

several programs for the students and beginning of this year, we started a student group meeting every week. Soon, it is almost one year! Thank God for leading some students to join the group whenever they can. There are 6 of them who have applied to participate the gospel camp at the end of September. New semester will start in October, and we will prepare some welcome programs to attract students to stay for the student group.

Thanksgiving and prayer items:

1. After summer holidays, our bible study groups resume meeting as before. Pray that God will keep each bible study group and lead all to learn to know God through His words!
2. Pray that God will keep our sister's mother-in-law's faith! Pray that God will heal her mother-in-law and her mother and give our sister the opportunity to evangelise to her mother.
3. Thank God for His guidance so that all who attended the co-workers training camp learned something! Pray that God will keep our brothers and sisters' heart so that they will fulfill what they had committed to change in the camp! Pray that our pastoral co-workers will follow up on their progress!
4. Our South Germany gospel camp will be held from Sep. 30- Oct.3. Our church will be the host organiser. Pray that God will provide the necessary co-workers for each division of works so that the camp will run smoothly! Thank God for the 6 students from Giessen who have already applied for this camp! Pray that God will touch more seekers from other areas to join the camp so that they will hear the gospel and accept our Lord's salvation! Due to physical problem, our original speaker couldn't come. Thank God for providing two speakers to replace him! Pray that God will prepare their message in such a short notice!
5. Many churches and bible study groups are preparing programs for welcoming new university students for the first semester. Pray that God will help bring these students to attend the activities so that they will be attracted by God's love among the Christians and will be willing to stay for bible study group!
6. Pray that God will protect those victims of flooding and earthquake and that they will get all the help that needed to re-build their homes! Pray that God will comfort the families and friends of the lost ones!

Thank God for keep our lives so that we still have the breath of life to serve Him!

Thank you for your continuous prayer and support!

Serving Him,  
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