



Germany
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Prayer Letter
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Dear brothers and sisters,

“Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.” Psalms 25:8

Before there is a death case from Wuhan coronavirus disease 2019 in Germany, a brother who had been paralyzed for 3 years died with a respiratory disease. He was left with a wife and 3 young kids. Many German and foreign brothers and sisters attended the memorial service because the brother was a Singaporean Chinese. He and his family have attended International church at different cities. Among these brothers and sisters, some have been helping this family and praying for the brother. Because of their love and help, the wife’s father was very touched even though he could not communicate with them.

Due to the coronavirus epidemic, some parents who came to visit their family have to postpone their return date. One couple came to our Aschaffenburg bible study group twice during their initial stay. The father wanted to go home. But his daughter was so worried that the parents delayed to return home. Since the daughter has to work and the weather has been raining, they felt bored staying at home. So, they were happy to join the bible study group when they could meet some other people and learned to study the bible. The mother is a Catholic. The father is a non-believer but he learned something every time he came.

In order to avoid the chance of being infected by the coronavirus, some elderly brothers and sisters, and a few who might have contact with Chinese people from unknown places, decided not to come to the Giessen Fellowship. Some students were also afraid to come. So, we have been combining the two groups to continue our bible study. However, some members were so afraid that we might be infected and in turn infect our German church. So, they tried to persuade us to stop meeting. After communicating with the German pastor, he and his co-workers expressed their understanding of the situation and would let us use their facility continually. He even encouraged us as a group to especially pray to God in time like this. Therefore, we have not yet stopped meeting. We might consider that option only when the situation gets worse.

After meeting a 79-year-old sister last May, we have lost contact with her. We were kind of worry that something might happen to her because we couldn’t reach her by phone. Last week, a sister made a special trip to her previous home which is in another city outside Frankfurt in order to look for her. The sister didn’t see anyone but left her information in the mailbox. Soon, she got a call and

got connected with the old sister. The old sister had moved to live with her daughter and didn't take any contact information with her. Thanks to the love and persistence of the sister, she finally found her. So, we picked up another 90-year-old sister who has been friends with the 79 yr. old, and visited the old sister. She was so touched and happy to see us. Even though she doesn't understand German, she would go to worship in a German church in her city with her daughter and grand-daughter who would do the translation for her. She was baptised in her teenage year. After she married, she came to Germany with her husband and worked in the restaurant business. Therefore, she was not able to attend the Chinese Church. But she relied on God to face many difficult times in the past.

Thanksgiving and prayer items:

1. Pray for the sister with 3 kids who have just lost their loved one! Pray that the sister will have the power to take care of her children! Pray that God would keep her healthy as she needs to take nearly 4 hours daily on public transportation to go to work and home! Pray that her father will have the strength to take care of his grandchildren and he will consider accepting Jesus Christ as his Saviour after seeing the testimonies of brothers and sisters!
2. Thank God for bringing the parents of our seeker to come to our Aschaffenburg bible study group! Pray that they would have more time to know our God due to an unexpected longer stay because of the coronavirus epidemic!
3. Thanks to the German pastor in Giessen for allowing us to continue to meet! Although the Chinese Church in Frankfurt has never stopped worshipping, the number of attendees has dropped a lot. Pray that God will remember the worry of our brothers and sisters that they would come to worship after proper self-protection!
4. Thank God for the love of the sister who had made an effort to find out the old sister so that we could visit her and encourage her! Pray that God will remember our old sisters!
5. Pray for God's mercy and that He would listen to the cry of brothers and sisters worldwide! Pray that God would let the epidemic be controlled and more souls would be saved!

Pray that God's peace be with you!

Pray that God's protection be surround you!

Serving Him,
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