



Germany
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Prayer Letter
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Dear brothers and sisters,

***'Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.'* Hebrews 13:2**

After the pandemic, people resumed visiting and traveling as they had in the past. Since the Frankfurt International Airport is an international hub, many travelers, including brothers and sisters, board and disembark their planes here. Some brothers and sisters who came from other cities to Frankfurt to take an early flight had to come to Frankfurt a day earlier to find a place to stay overnight. There are also some brothers and sisters who pass through Frankfurt and go to other cities. Therefore, since the end of last year, I have been receiving such travelers frequently. I mentioned this in my January prayer letter, but I didn't realize that this kind of hospitality would continue.

In March, I met a 16-year-old boy who had just graduated from high school. His mom came to Germany on a business trip, and he went out sightseeing on his own, and my friend introduced us. When they came to Frankfurt, I invited him to my home for dinner, and we had a great conversation. Although he has a Buddhist background and traditional Chinese culture, he does not reject other religions. After lunch, I took him to our church Sunday service, but unfortunately he was in a hurry to meet his mom from work and had to leave after listening to the worship songs. However, he still left a good impression of our church.

In April, a sister whose church has been supporting me, came to visit me from US. She stayed at my home for a few days. We had a chance to get to know each other better. She surprised me with a gift from her and the brothers and sisters in her fellowship, which was more than I could ask for because it was exactly what I needed. As the scripture says, to receive a sister without realizing it is like receiving an angel.

In May, I received an elderly couple who went back to Hong Kong to retire from Germany many years ago. The brother was 80 years old and was touched by the birthday celebration he had with our fellowship brothers and sisters! He was especially touched when his wife almost fainted at the airport on her schedule flight and was taken to the hospital. After a week, she recovered and was able to get on the plane again.

In the past few days, a sister came for a meeting and brought her brother (who just retired), who was going abroad for the first time, to stay with me so that he could go sightseeing. Although we met for the first time, he didn't say much, but he was already curious and asked me why I had come to Germany from the USA. I told him my testimony of my calling. Since he was not yet a Christian, he asked me a few questions about the church. Pray that he would continue to seek the Christian faith.

During the pandemic, I got to know a young mother with a toddler. Because of her marital problems, I kept her company by phone because she lived in a small village in Germany and was very lonely. After a few years, the divorce was finalized, but she still had to face many problems. Sometimes she would come to Frankfurt for business and stay at my home. She used to have a sad face, but last week she came to my place to let me do some work for her. At dinner, I saw that she was smiling. She told another sister that she was infected by me, and that she was able to let go of some things and could smile again. She is an idolater and has not yet believed in Jesus, but every time I pray for her, she is willing to do so. This week she said she wanted to come and stay for a few days.

The older brothers and sisters who are in my Bible reading group know that I have been hosting some brothers and sisters. They joked that my place could be used as a hotel, and that it could help cover my expenses by charging a small fee. I said I wouldn't do that because this is a place that God has given me to host different people, including non-Christians, and I hope that while providing them with lodging, I can also be a witness for the Lord, so that they can feel God's love and know Him.

Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

1. Thank our Lord for giving me a place to host brothers and sisters!
2. Thank our Lord for giving me the opportunity to receive brothers and sisters so that I can get to know them better and build closer relationships! Thank our Lord for sending angels to send me gifts! Thank God for the love of our brothers and sisters!
3. Thank our Lord for allowing me to reach out to non-believers of different age groups so that I can introduce my faith to them! Pray that the Lord would lead them to continue to seek to know God when they return to their own countries!
4. Thank our Lord for the opportunity to help those in need by providing accommodation, especially in times of depression and financial hardship! Pray that the young mom would be able to resolve her situation by relying on the power of the true God rather than idolatry!
5. Pray for the Lord's protection over the elderly couple as they visit friends and relatives in Germany! Pray for the Lord's healing of the old brother's cough!

Pray for our Lord's blessing to keep you in good health and bless the works of your hands!

Serving Him,
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