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We all want to see life, and the remarkable thing is that those who expect to get most out of it by self-indulgence miss everything; whilst those who seem to curtail their lives by following Christ, win everything.

Let us put our hand in His, that He may lead us into the path of life, "that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

—F. B. Meyer, *Our Daily Walk*

As we step into this new year, let's determine anew to invest our lives in eternal matters. The time, effort, and resources we "deposit" in heavenly pursuits are never wasted but are guaranteed to bring manifold dividends!

We enter this year with hearts of gratitude for the blessings and protection we have experienced, and we have excitement over the advances in the kingdom of Jesus we have already caught glimpses of.



A door has opened for us to teach a home Bible study group in Potsdam. The participants are both hungry and receptive; thus, the meetings are enthusiastic! Young people are reaching out to fellow students in this venue, and the Lord is bringing revelation of His Word and the manifestation of His presence.



Working with children in Potsdam is essential as the church there provides a great opportunity to teach young ones of the truth and love of Jesus. Many of us learned to follow the Lord at a young age and are reaping the benefits years later. We want to plant that good seed in the next generation so their lives may be fruitful as well. This bunch is a lively and interactive group!



Due to its international business nature, Berlin hosts numerous temporary residents. We get to minister to many cultures but have learned to let no opportunity slip by of presenting the whole gospel.

We never know how long we have to share time with those in our path. The people in the church in Berlin love not only the Word of God and heartfelt worship but also the warm fellowship a church family brings.



A thrilling privilege was afforded us during December. A minister in a United Pentecostal church in the US contacted us with a request to visit a family member of his, former US military, in a Berlin hospital. When we saw him in ICU, he could not communicate well but was very glad for us to pray for him. We returned Christmas Day and found him sitting up and much improved. That day he asked us to pray for a specific need, and as we did so, we knew the Lord had heard. As we visited on December 30, we asked about the issue for which we had prayed. He confirmed that he could see a noticeable difference. In addition, some diet restrictions had been lifted because of his improvement. A buddy of his from the army was there, and we all prayed for the next stage of his progress. Jesus is working, and we anticipate a good report again on our next visit!



Our hearts overflow with joy while we work together with you for the Lord in His field. Thank you for every part you play in our lives.

The German phrase for “have a good New Year” translates literally, “Good slide!” We wish all of you a pleasant, peaceful, and joyful slide into 2019. Guten Rutsch und Gottes Segen (a good slide and God’s blessing)!

For the purpose of glorifying Jesus,

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Going with the Gospel!

