

Berlin/Northern Germany Missions - February 2019

He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet [for his office's sake and love to his Master—Jamieson, Fausset & Brown] shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward (Matthew 10:41).

“In treating the prophet as you did, you proved yourself to be of the same spirit and temper as he; and it is but right that you should share in the prophet's reward” (F. B. Meyer, *Through the Bible Day by Day*).

We may safely expand that verse to include other areas of ministry, and surely no missionary will be rewarded alone. Many hands and hearts make it possible for us to advance the cause of Jesus, and every prayer, gift, and expression of support will be rewarded in full measure!



Through the Berlin church, three young people were able to attend a youth retreat in Salzburg, Austria. They returned encouraged in the Lord, bubbling with excitement and zeal to work for God, and full of stories of their new friends and fun adventures. (Ana-maria is on the far



right in the left picture, and David Santiago and Ryan are on the right in the right picture.)

Jesus has shown us great favor with the managers of the buildings we rent for church. Because of the size of the congregation in Berlin, the high rent in the city, and our upcoming absence for several months, we did not think we could afford to renew our contract on that building. When we approached the building manager with our situation, she asked, “Would you stay if we cut the rent by half?” We quickly accepted! We met her supervisor, who agreed to the renegotiation. In addition, a neighboring church sponsored the rent for six months. We are grateful and overjoyed at the blessings of the Lord and the kindness of our friends!



We were happy to welcome Bro. Barak and Sis. Robyne Townsley, along with Olivia and Mikah, Associates in Missions who will be caring for the churches in our absence.





Our neighbor, knowing we were soon to leave, wanted to share a meal with us. Just before we left, he and his family came to say good-bye. As we prayed with them, their hearts were touched and both left in tears—insisting we return soon.



The Potsdam church continues to grow spiritually and numerically, and though we were sad to say good-bye—and they were sad to see us go—we know the Lord will care for all of us, His sheep and lambs, wherever we are.



Some of our Berlin friends took us out the last evening we were there, and we found one more chance to share the Word of God with them. What an amazing path we walk when we travel with Jesus and those He places along our way!

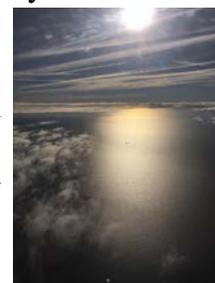
In the last two years, we have developed a friendship with a business owner in our area. He invited us to tour his property in a village outside Berlin and to join him for a meal there. Raised in Communist East Germany, he had no religious education or understanding. However, during the meal, he initiated conversation about God and church, which we were more than happy to share!



While on a drive around the village, we came to this point. Highway 1 runs east-west from Moscow to Portugal. Highway 2, also passing through Berlin, runs north-south from Scandinavia to Italy. Truly, Berlin is the crossroads of the continent, and we work to make it the Cross-road for everyone.

We will be in the United States for several months, traveling to various churches (i.e., deputation) and meeting with the Global Missions board. In this picture, we were outbound, flying over the English Channel.

We are anticipating wonderful times of fellowship and services touched by the power and love of Jesus. We hope to see many of you along our journey.



For the purpose of glorifying Jesus,

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Going with the Gospel!

