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Lengthening and Strengthening – Extending our Tentpegs

Dear SGI Partners,

We are watching the family of God grow week by week here in Germany! In just one year, God has added so much to the ministry and the churches we are revitalizing and starting. We wish we could transport you here for a brief moment and let you see for yourself how God is working. It's been a joy to raise up a new generation of pastors, church leaders, disciples of Jesus and a family of believers here in the greater Frankfurt area.

God has sent us quality people who are full of zeal and fire for God and love for the church and un-churched. Not only that, but as we "love the one" in front of us, serve our city, pray, seek God, love our neighbors, mobilize our church to be missional and disciple those who God has given us, we are seeing THEM grow in their hunger for God, His presence and a relationship with him. Germans, like most anyone, are starving for relationship, belonging and love- and we as the family of God have that in abundance! Take a moment to rejoice with us over all that God is doing with us here in Germany.



Tanzania Update – from December 2016

Brian spent 8 days in Tanzania in December. It was such a blessing connecting with our team there in Moshi and Mtwara. We met with some of the leaders from our network there, and strategized and prayed about how to continue to advance the Gospel and make disciples through church planting in the coming years. It was a great honor to connect with a church from Ashville, NC who are interested in making a long-term investment in Mtwara. I was able to connect them with the leaders that we trained; it was amazing to see how God works all things together for his purposes!!



Bockenheim Vision Nights/Campus Connect

The Bockenheim (Frankfurt) Church plant launch is set for April! We've already had four Vision Night Meetings for the new site for our New Life Church and have around 25 committed individuals who are helping to launch this new church plant site. Bockenheim is a very important section of Frankfurt, home to the University and many political thinkers. We have been given the opportunity to meet Sunday nights once a month in a facility to encourage entrepreneurship called "Social Impact Lab" (We love that it has the words Social Impact" in the title.) Because we are a "start up" they are also letting us rent shared office space and use one of the larger meeting rooms. {Pictures of Vision Night on RIGHT} Another HUGE answer to prayers is that we finally have an inroad

to the University! Pictured on LEFT, are the leaders of Campus Connect in Frankfurt. We will be partnering with them to reach University students.





New Life Germany comes to New Life USA

Brian, and both of our site pastors, David and Lenny, flew to Virginia Beach, VA at the end of January to attend a

New Life Pastors' Conference with our home church. The trip was strategic in many ways: giving David and Lenny perspective on who we are, our values, our background and vision. Brian was also able to connect them to Regent University, where Lenny may do a study semester in 2018. Our Germany Church Planting was highlighted at the once a year "Vision Night" for New Life Church Virginia, and that was a tremendous blessing for us (Pictured above). Please pray for David and Lenny (and their lovely girlfriends) as they are used by God alongside us to make a difference and pastor their generation.



Refugee Housing Oberursel

Because of the awesome work and service our church, along with the New Life Team from Virginia Beach, did in the fall of 2016 at the Refugee House in Oberursel, we were featured in a city wide meeting of all of the volunteer services to Refugees. It was quite the honor for us and put our little church on the map as being ones that serve our community. In February, our church New Life was invited back to the Refugee Center to meet with the director on how we can further bless the refugees. 12 people from our church offered their services! We are setting up a schedule of regular help with doctor appointments, translation, kids programs, trade learning, and German language and acculturation. This is a tremendous door open to us. And we are excited about what will come of it in the future!



Women's Ministry Going Strong!

In the fall of 2016, we began meeting monthly for women's ministry. What was earlier only a handful of women meeting 2

mornings a month, has turned into 20-40 women meeting once a month in the evening. Our theme is "Promise." We are learning what it means to be a woman standing on the promises of God (who He is, who I am in Him, and what He has promised us). It has been exciting to see the women growing in God and in relationship with one another. Our last women's breakfast "Frauen Frühstück" was a wonderful

success. It was well attended, delicious and intimate. One new woman said, "I don't even mind coming early to help set up. Just being around you all makes me happy!"



We will be in the USA June 29-August 8.

We will be giving dates and information soon as to where we will be and when. We'd love to see you!

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How are the Kids?

All the Weaver children are doing great. Gabriel is settled and happy in "Kindergarten" and learning German through song and play. Nate is diligent in his schoolwork in the 1st grade and making good friends. Abigail takes piano, goes to Girl Scouts and is rocking the 3rd Grade. The children love going to church early to help set up, and are growing in God and stature! All who know them love them. (Picture: Dress up for school costume parties)



We are in such a good season of lengthening and strengthening here in Germany.

Thank you for your partnership in helping us raise up a new generation of disciples and leaders here in Germany!

Brian, Janine, Abigail, Nathaniel, and Gabriel