

# strategic global impact

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BECAUSE EVERY NATION NEEDS TO KNOW HIM

## We are celebrating God's goodness!

## Dear SGI Partners,

The last few weeks have been rich and full with a continuous flow of testimonies and grace. As our multi-site church continues to move forward and expand, we are amazed at how God is leading and touching lives. At the beginning of October, we celebrated the "Erntedankfest", which is similar to the Thanksgiving celebration in



the US. It is a tremendous opportunity for the church to open its doors to those who would not normally come. We hosted our first Erntedankfest at our Oberursel site, Oberursel is a suburb of Frankfurt, and we had over 100 people in attendance that day. There was an awesome children's program, special musical guests, lots

and lots of food, and a wonderful time of thanksgiving and celebration. We had many first time visitors. In December, we will host another Christmas outreach to the city of Oberursel.

Another fantastic praise report is that our church here in Germany is incorporated and registered—yeah! This may seems small, but it took a significant amount of effort, and the direct oversight of a new Church member who is also an international Lawyer! Thanks be to God for every gift in the Body of Christ!

For one year, we have been working with Refugees from Afghanistan and Iran. They have been coming to us on Sunday mornings, but we have had no open



door to go to them into the Refugee housing, which is highly monitored by the government. Just two weeks

ago, Lenny, our Oberursel site pastor, attended a meeting of all organizations that work with refugees. During this meeting, he was given permission to organize work groups, children's programs

and other opportunities in one particular Refugee home practically neighboring where we meet in Oberursel! This is incredible! Since then, we've been able to go in with the American team, their Language school friends, and pastors and members from the Oberursel Church! Where there was not any door before, God has opened an amazing door to serve and love the refugees and the city!



#### **Highlights from this Fall**

- Incorporated as a Non-profit Church in Germany
- American team of 9 doing great things for Jesus in Frankfurt and Oberursel
- Open door in new Refugee Home in Oberursel
- Wonderful ministry happening in Home for the Elderly in Bockenheim
- Facility obtained to begin holding Vision Meetings for Church plant in Bockenheim.
- Brian was inducted as a BFP denominational pastor in Germany.
- We have 2 Campus Pastors now working with us – David and Lenny.
- We have 5 interns from two different Bible Colleges
- Bockenheim launch team up to about 25 people.
- Brian will be going to Tanzania in December to visit our lead Pastor in Tanzania, Habib, and to help connect a team from a church in Ashville with our Pastors that we trained in Mtwara.

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#### New Life American Team



It has been exciting to host a Church Planting support team (August -November) from our home church in Virginia Beach. This team, Led by the Prayer and

Outreach Pastor Melvin McCleese, has been wholeheartedly devoting themselves to making relationships, serving and doing outreach, leading

worship, going to a nursing home in Bockenheim, refugee home in Oberursel and just being Jesus to our cities! We are so thankful for their ministry at this critical time of church planting and revitalizing. One of the key aspects in planting churches in Europe is to simply love and serve the city—and that is exactly what this team has done. We have had visitors to the church through their singing on the underground train, ministering in the nursing home, and making friends at language school. One of the workers at the nursing home came to church because she sensed such a "positive energy" as the team was worshiping. God is using this team both to make impact in the city and to encourage the members of our church plant.

#### **Financial Needs**

We are so thankful for all of our supporters—we could never do what we do without you! We do currently have some urgent needs for more monthly supporters or one-time donations. With all of the new responsibilities, ministry costs, church plant start-up costs, ministry trip to Tanzania, forthcoming family itineration to the US (summer 2017) three children (who are always growing), and the many different projects/outreaches we are leading, we have some pressing financial needs right now.

Would you pray about partnering with us monthly or with a one-time donation? Our hearts burn to see God's kingdom extended through church planting, evangelism, discipleship, and revival. This is an exciting time to be serving the Lord in Europe. Please pray about supporting this work. Enclosed with this Newsletter, is a Pledge Card. Would you consider taking a moment and praying to see if the Lord would have you partner with us? Some of you may be looking to make an end of the year donation to a ministry, maybe you could consider and pray to partner with us in that way. You can give online at or sending a check to SGI.

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The Fields are WHITE UNTO HARVEST! Thank you for supporting us through prayer and finances!

Brian, Janine, Abigail, Nathaniel, and Gabriel



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#### Children's Ministry -Reaching Single Moms and **Families**



For 2 years now, Janine and a small team have been doing weekly children's church in Oberursel. God said, "If you do it, they will come." Through this ministry, we've recently been able to add 3 families to the church- 2 single moms and one family of 5. Children's ministry here is multilingual and diverse! We love providing these children with a biblical foundation!

Last week we started our first "Families" Life Group at our house. We are already seeing the life-changing fruit in the parents because of it!

### **Family Update**

Please continue to pray for Brian's overall health and strength. While the last few months and years have been exciting, there has been a growing fatigue.



Please continue to pray for the whole family for strength.

Abbie. Nate and Gabe are all settled into school and pre-school now. Gabriel just turned 4! It's a new season for us as parents—one that we are enjoying and

navigating.

The children are lights in their schools, a joy in the church, crazy at home, and the best thing that ever

happened to us. Pray God's protection over their lives and hearts as we live out the gospel in this secular land.

Janine and kids playing Fussball with dear Iranian Friends

