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## Seeing God at work... And life accelerating

...God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom for all.. ~ I Timothy 2:3b-6a

We moved to Frankfurt at the beginning of September—these two months have flown by! It has been a wonderful whirlwind of activity, adjustment, ministry, partnership, and continued language development. We have had the joy of launching our daughter into 1<sup>st</sup> grade, and we ourselves launching into ministry in partnership with Mosaik Church (the German spelling☺) in Frankfurt. Brian's parents arrived shortly after our arrival; they have now planned to base out of Frankfurt a large part of the year to both help us in the ministry and family, and of course to see what kind of other unique doors God would open to them.

We have been so well received by Mosaik, and the people have opened their hearts to us as we have begun to dive into preaching, leadership, strategizing, and helping to re-configure some structures. One of my responsibilities and focuses this



first year will be to help lead and revitalize a church in a suburb community of about 47,000. This church is deeply needed in the community but in need of refreshing, restructuring, and re-envisioning of its missional call. Just like we all need a new refreshing from the Spirit and sometimes a new facelift of our quiet time so we can connect with God, in the same way the church here needs something similar. Obviously, any grace to see a refreshing within a congregation can only come from the Lord at the end, but there are steps that we can implement to help bring about revitalization. Then, when the Spirit of God begins to breathe His life in the congregation, they are really ready to not only fall in love with Jesus in a new way, but they are also ready to

deepen their discipleship and reach out to new people.

We have had the privilege of connecting with this congregation over the last couple of months, and there is a core group that is ready to believe again for something new—and pursue it☺. We will be helping to see something fresh in the worship aspect, Sunday morning service, cell groups, discipleship, and outreach—and this is only part of our responsibilities over the next year. Obviously, we will need a lot of prayer—and extra grace on our German!!

Thanks be to God who leads us into his victory! Mosaik-Oberursel church needs prayer. Please pray that God opens up significant doors of ministry into the community, and that we could crack the missional code to have influence both with the people of Oberursel and the church itself.



Living in Germany at this stage of the nation's history and recognizing their call and destiny has caused me to sense a deeper need to contend in prayer. Prayer is powerful. Prayer can be joyful, but there is a contending that is required. When the Spirit is praying through us, we are strengthened, but there are also the groans, pangs, and travail of agreeing with God's Kingdom vision and what He wants to do on earth. Paul wrote in Galatians 4:19: "my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you!" Paul was burdened by the passion to see God transform the people to whom he had been called. Often this prayer initiative requires intentionality mixed with faith to propel us into a new place of prayer and intercession for a location, people, and nation. Our journey has just begun in Frankfurt—but we are convinced through believing prayer, God can and desires to birth something—and something that lasts. Please contend with us in prayer for Germany as you contend for your city as well that Christ would be exalted in cities!

## Missional Opportunities are Opening

We knew that God would use our children and their school situations to be doorways of mission. German parents love when their kids can spend time with some native English speakers. This has been a wonderful opportunity for us to start new friendships, and now through these very embryonic friendships begin to minister to people. As church planters, we need to be engaged in the community as much as possible and become part of the rhythm and flow of Frankfurt.

The other day while going to pick up Abbie from her school, we ran into an influential lady/mom from Abbie's class. Her daughter and Abigail have already had a play date together. Suddenly she began to tell her of her Cancer diagnosis. To be this forthright and honest early on in a relationship is not "Typisch Deutsch" or typical German. However, we were able to minister right there praying for her on the street (also not



Abigail receiving her traditional school "tute" on the first day of first grade—filled with candy and gifts.

"Typisch Deutsch") and talking to her about God and the Church. She confessed us to that she needed to get back to God. We continue to encounter open hearts like hers. Janine is currently teaching a Moroccan woman Business English once a week as an outreach to her and her Muslim family. And another mom from Abbie's school has been very open about her desire to know God personally and not thru icons. Through loving relationships that are forming, God is giving us real and amazing opportunities outside the church walls to share His reality with these people that He loves.

### \*\*\*\*\*Upcoming Tanzania Trip:\*\*\*\*\*

Heading back to Tanzania between November 29<sup>th</sup> – December 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a strategic trip to work on developing a plan of how, in partnership with Habib, we can move forward with reaching more people, planting more churches, and strengthening both the churches and leadership with the churches that we presently have. I am so excited because it has been a few years since I have been there with all the transitions in regards to moving and establishing in Germany. I am sure that a lot of German will be popping out as I speak Swahili, but it will be a powerful time to prepare for the future.

### Stand with Us in Prayer:

The Prayers of the Righteous are Powerful and Effective

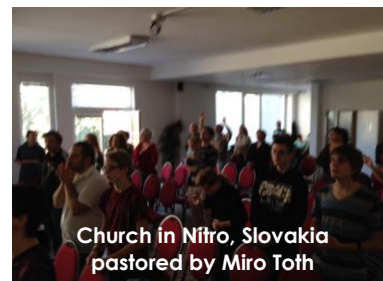
1. Refreshing and renewal to the Mosaik-Oberursel Congregation and effective new and open doors to the community
2. Raising up of new leadership and church planters within Mosaik Church
3. Grace on the adjustment to Frankfurt
4. Supernatural demonstration of the supremacy of Jesus and authority of God's word
5. Ability to communicate accurately, powerfully, and in the authority of Christ "auf Deutsch"☺
6. Wisdom as we move forward in ministry in Frankfurt

## Back to Slovakia—after 18 years!

Ministering in Slovakia in October was truly a story coming full circle. It was in 1994 that I took my first missions trip to Slovakia with a traveling Music and Drama team called the Couriers from what was then named Zion Bible Institute. I simply went to Slovakia because I was part of the team, loved Jesus, loved ministry, and thought it would be great to minister in another country. I had nil, zero, nada intentions of

ever working in another country long-term. However, after three powerfully impacting weeks of ministry with Miro Toth (in Slovakia), I decided on wanted more opportunities

to minister abroad while the need is so great—and the rest—well it is history! Here we are 20 years later serving in Germany and Europe and having already worked in Tanzania for 16 years and living there 8 years. What has been taking place in Slovakia is a great testimony of the potential in the seed of the Gospel. When I went in 1994, there were only a handful of Pentecostal/charismatic churches; however, today there is more than 50 or so. While the growth has not become explosive yet, it is consistent—and they ARE growing. It was a blessing to re-connect with a close friend who is an apostolic pioneer and preach at his church. After preaching, there was a real sense of the presence of God and people were encouraged and challenged.



Church in Nitra, Slovakia  
pastored by Miro Toth



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