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### Dear Friends and Partners,

Warm greetings from Germany. We are back from our vacation in Finland and school has started. After we drove off the ferry boat on our way back into Germany, Christina looked out the window, and the first thing she saw were large harvesters on the ripe grain fields. She asked in her heart, "Lord, is it harvest time spiritually in Germany also?" We are not sure of the answer yet, but read on and see for yourself. In any case we are totally overwhelmed by what God did during our church retreat the middle of August....



Susi

### God moves at our church retreat!

From August 14th - 16th we had our annual church retreat for our *Oasis* church. The unusual thing about it was, many church members had decided not to take part, so half of the group consisted of relatively new visitors to the church.

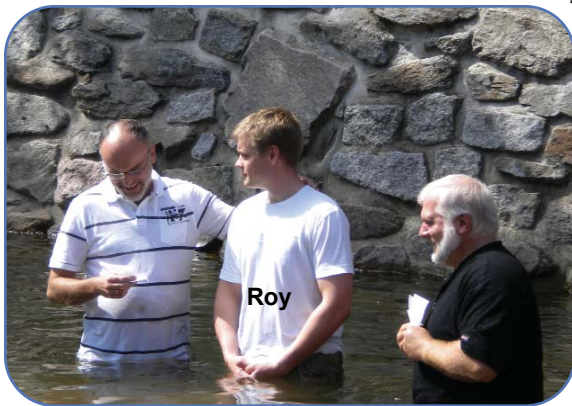
Two of the families that send their children to *Kids Club* also came. We had planned time for fellowship, worship, teaching and prayer, but also time to just be able to have fun together. Our guest speaker taught about God's unconditional love, our identity in Christ and about God wanting to use regular people in everyday situations.

Susi, one of the Moms from *Kidsclub* whom we have been praying for to receive Christ, was there with her daughter. On Saturday morning during a short break she was telling Christina that she had a hard time believing that God loved her, and that she didn't have to do anything to "earn" that love. As a child she had always felt that she had to earn her mother's love, so it was hard for her to think that Jesus would be different. We encouraged her to ask the Lord to give her a sign of his love for her....something she would understand. We had hardly gotten back from the break when the speaker said, he had a distinct impression that somebody had pain in their left shoulder and God wanted to heal them. Who's shoulder was it? You guessed it - Susi's! So we prayed for her right away. She was amazed about how God knew about her problem, although she hadn't told anybody about it, and that He showed her right away that he cares.



Prayer time

Saturday night we had a long prayer time where the presence of the Lord was so strong. One man was saved and another one set free from smoking and an alcohol problem. Several people were healed and others received spiritual gifts. Sunday morning three more people gave their hearts to the Lord, and Susi was one of them!! Some of our teenagers in church helped pray for people and several experienced the Lord's touch. At the end of the service our pastor got up and said: "*The weather is beautiful; we have a river outside; what would hinder us in having a baptismal service?*" Right away five people wanted to be baptized - two of them had given their hearts to the Lord that weekend. So we had a very wonderful, spontaneous baptism in the nearby river.



Roy

After the baptism most of the people jumped in the water as well. Susi also jumped in, fully dressed and with her glasses on. When she jumped in the impact knocked her glasses off and she can't see without them. Everybody tried to stand still, so the water would clear up again, and

we all prayed that we could find her glasses. After a while one of our young guys dove down and found her glasses. They were not bent, scratched or damaged at all - Susi was so thankful to Jesus, she experienced His love and care for her so much that weekend.

Andreas was one of the guys that gave his heart to the Lord. Since then he has experienced amazing things in his life. We will tell his story in our next letter.



Sophia



Baptism in the river

### Please join the Walents in prayer & praise:

**P**raise God with us for the four new converts from the church retreat. The names of Susi, Roy, Andreas and Manja are now written in heaven and we rejoice.

**R**emember Susi in your prayers. She and her live-in partner (for 12 years) have separated in order to protect herself and her 2 kids from domestic violence. She needs God's strength and grace.

**A**sk the Lord to help us in discipling these new believers. Since mid-May seven people have given their lives to Christ through our church's outreaches.

**Y**ou can help us pray for more space in our *Oasis* church. We are just about full every week with new visitors coming every Sunday. Our church finances are low, but we need to step out into what God has for us!!

**E**arnestly pray for our church renewal teams. Some of them are losing heart with their change processes. It's so easy to stay in the old mode of church, but there is little life of the Spirit. They need courage to move ahead.

**R**emember to pray for our daughter Annika as she is trying to decide what God has for her life. She is now in her last year of school.

Thank you so much for standing with us in the work here. As you can see, your investment of prayer and financial support makes a difference for people here in East Germany. They are coming to know Jesus and one day you will meet them in heaven. Please keep praying for them - especially Susi - she has some difficult situations and needs the Lord's strength daily. We appreciate you more than we can say!

Your missionary friends,

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