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Dear Friends and Partners,

The crocuses and other spring flowers that are starting to peak out of the ground remind us not only that Spring is coming, but also that it is newsletter time. So we want to touch base with you again and keep you up to date on things here. The family is doing well, the kids brought home good mid term report cards for the most part. Emilie was top of her class. We have had a busy winter with many things going on. Let us share some of them....



Building relationships with Kids Club-parents.

The "Discovery-Group"

Remember the Kids Club we shared about in the fall newsletter? We continue to build relationships with the parents that come to that weekly event. If we both cannot be there at least one of us is present on Thursdays in the Oasis when Kids Club takes place. We sit down with the parents, drink coffee and share with them. In fact we had invited one family to have Christmas Dinner with us - that was a great time! Both Steve and Christina had, unbeknownst to each other, been feeling a desire in their hearts to start a cell group for the parents they know from Kids Club and other new people coming to church. And that is exactly what happened in January.

We meet every Wednesday night, answer their questions - of which they have many(!) - read the Gospel of Luke together and have fellowship and pray for their needs. The name we gave the new cell group is the "Discovery-Group" because we want to discover more about following Jesus together. Most of those coming have not yet made a commitment to Jesus - they are seachers. We have noticed how many things that we take for granted are totally new to them. So we are learning to make the message "user friendly" by using words that are not so "churchy". We gave them all the same Bibles and when we refer to a passage, we give them the page number in the Bible instead of the book and chapter. Some of the participants have a



Steve with Ronny



Annika and one of the Moms.

huge learning curve when it comes to punctuality and reliability because of the background they come from, so everybody doesn't always show up, or they come late. But we see progress in everybody and that is encouraging. It is so much fun to work with these new, open and curious people...

Some of them are very close to accepting the Lord. One young lady- Steffi - already has. Please remember them in prayer. The young man on the right, Ronny, really needs prayer. He senses that the Lord is what he is searching for but he finds himself in a complicated life situation. Will you help us pray through for him?

Please join the Walents in prayer & praise:

Praise God for the new people that are coming to the Discovery-Group and are learning about following Jesus. Pray that all of them will accept Christ into their lives soon.

Remember to continue to pray for the parents that come to Kids Club. Several of them still have many reservations about coming to church for anything other than Kids Club. Pray that God's love will soften their hearts.

Ask the Lord to bless Steve's upcoming itineration in the USA in May and June. He will be visiting some existing supporters but also new churches to raise new support for our 2009 budget. Pray for divine provision and safe travels.

You can help us pray for Carolina, a girl from Kids Club that will face major surgery right after Easter. Pray for successful results and for God's peace and presence to surround her and her family during this time.

Earnestly pray for our church planters here in Saxony. They need the Lord to give them creative new ways to touch the people in their communities with the love of the Lord.

Remember to pray for the churches taking part in the Church Renewal School. They continually need courage to make necessary changes and determination to move forward in order to regain their vision and focus.

Pro Christ in the Oasis

Every two or three years an evangelistic crusade with the Name *Pro Christ* takes place somewhere in Germany. It is filmed and directly broadcast via satellite through all of German-speaking Europe. This year our church Oasis has decided to be one of the places in Dresden that will air the crusades. They will be going on every night from March 29th - April 5th. Please pray for this crusade, we want to see people come and get saved and transformed by the power of the Word of God.



A family from Kids Club in need of prayer.

Steve will be in the States itinerating by himself in May and June, and as soon as school is out, Christina and the girls will join him the very end of June. During this time Steve will be visiting existing supporters and will also need to visit new churches in order to raise new support towards our 2009 budget. We would appreciate your prayers for him during this time - that the Lord will provide what we need in support and for safe travels for both Steve and the rest of the family.

We are so thankful for all of you that faithfully stand with us in prayer and also financially. You make it possible for us to fulfill God's plan for us here in East Germany. We like to stay in touch with you, and have opened a Facebook page for our family. So if you want to befriend us on Facebook you can look us up under Christina Walent

Your missionary friends,

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