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### Dear Friends and Partners,

Warm summer greetings from Dresden! We trust that this letter finds you doing well. We are fine, yesterday Christina and Annika picked strawberries and made jam for the next year. That was fun although a lot of work! The kids are eager to get out of school, which happens July 11th here. Then we will be heading up to Finland for some needed time of vacation and R&R with Christina's parents. But before that, there are still several ministry opportunities here that we don't want to miss. Some other things have also happened since last time, so read on....



The German and Swedish delegations together with Rev. Steve Pike.



POTOMAC BOOTCAMP 2008

### Trip to Potomac Boot Camp

The first week of April Steve, along with three members of our German national church planting ministries team, went to the USA to take part in a Church Planter's Boot Camp sponsored by the A/G Potomac district. The purpose was to experience first hand what our Assemblies churches have available to them;

how the process functions; and to see what we could possibly use in Germany, as we are continually developing our ministry and program. I must say that we had an exciting time at the Boot Camp. We met so many wonderful and helpful people. Our German brothers were blown away at the kindness and openness that they experienced there. We divided our team into three groups so as to take part in as much being offered as possible. I took part in the church health track, one brother in the church planting track, and the other two in the church planter's assessment track. We all gained a wealth of useful information, understanding and inputs, that we have already started to integrate and partially implement in what we are offering our German churches. We found that many of the challenges that we face in Germany are similar to what our churches and districts in the USA are facing - especially in the church health sector. It is our vision to work towards getting our existing churches refocused on the vision God has for their church and to move towards that vision with a passion! Church planting plays a major role in that overall vision. We need more mother churches!! We need more church planters that will plant churches, that will plant churches, that will....I think you get the message!!

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[www.walent-street.com](http://www.walent-street.com)

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

**P**raise God for the work He has done in Doreen and Stefan, who were baptized in April, and for Doreen's mom, who just accepted Jesus!

**R**emember to pray for our upcoming church outreach in Dresden Gorbitz - we want to be a light and a blessing to the community there!

**A**sk the Lord to raise up more church planters so that vibrant churches and cells will be started with people who have been transformed by the love of Jesus!

**Y**ou can help us pray for needed finances. The dollar has never been weaker, and costs here are rising. We pay almost \$10 a gallon for diesel...gas is even more!

**E**arnestly pray for our churches involved in the "church renewal" process. Making the necessary changes in how they think and function as a church is a very difficult process. Progress is being made - thank the Lord!

**R**emember to continue to ask the Lord that we and our German brothers and sisters learn to live more "incarnationally" - simply said, to live and model Christ in every way...easier said than done!

Doreen's baptism.



### Doreen baptized

Remember Doreen, one of the young people from the neo-Nazi group that got saved last year? (see newsletter from July 2007) She and Stefan were baptized this year in April and became members of the Kamenz church. Doreen has grown a lot spiritually and recently was able to lead her Mom to the Lord! It is amazing what kind of change God can bring to a life!

### Upcoming event for Oasis Underways

In July we have the next big event planned with our "Underways" emphasis in the *Oasis* church in Dresden-Gorbitz. Every year in July the local city government arranges a festival in our part of the city and they want us as a church to again be part of the program. They actually asked us to take responsibility for the main stage Sunday July 6th and fill it with program from morning until early evening!! What an opportunity! So we will have an open air service, Christian country music, Christian pantomime and much more. They also requested a book table with literature and information about our church. They will even print our advertisements for all the Christian program on that Sunday. On Saturday (the 5th) they want us right by the main stage with a book table (*thank you LFTL!!*). We'll be there dressed in our Underways T-shirts and mingle with the people, witness, and build relationships.



Pictures from last year's open air service and book table at the festival.



We want to say a heartfelt **Thank You** to all of you who have prayed and given so that we can be here ministering for the Lord. You are an important piece of the puzzle, and it takes all of us; you at home who pray and give, we that go and the nationals we work with to accomplish God's great plan. Thank you for being willing to be part of the puzzle! One day in heaven we will see how all things worked together and we will be amazed about how God used our lives and the resources we placed on His altar to accomplish His plan. God bless you!

Your missionary friends,

Steve & Christina Walent