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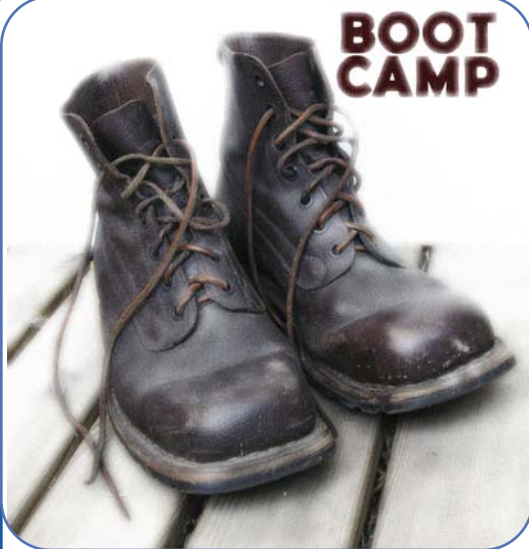
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Dear Friends and Partners,

This time we greet you from both Ohio and Dresden. Steve has been in the U.S. since May 1st on deputation and Christina is back in Germany with the girls until school is out on June 26th. We are all counting the days until we are together again. Steve has also taken part in 2 boot camps in the U.S. for church planters and thus finished his training so he can lead boot camps in Europe in the future. The first boot camp here is scheduled for January 2010 in the Netherlands.

Party in heaven!

Not only heaven rejoiced on May 13th, but we did as well when Kerstin, from our *Discovery Group*, decided to give her life to Jesus and Christina got to pray with her. Let us tell you a little bit more about her. Like most people here, Kerstin grew up an atheist during the Communist era. Two years ago she came into contact with a woman from the *Oasis*

church on her job and she became curious about faith. Kerstin came to church occasionally. She worked a part-time job at church doing cleaning, and this past fall she took part in an Alpha Course in our church. She is pretty shy and quiet but joined our *Discovery Group* from the beginning (January). The end of April Christina found out that she was so poor that she went and donated plasma in order to have enough money to buy food for the long May first weekend (here they pay you a small amount as a thank you for donating blood plasma). Her partner doesn't get unemployment so she has him and two grown sons to provide for and she is without a job. So we prayed that night in the group that God would provide for her. Then Christina gave her a gift certificate from the super-market where she shops a few days later. Kerstin was so moved by that and saw it as a tangible proof of how much God cares about her. She asked Christina how she could know that God gave her the idea to get the gift certificate, and Christina showed her the Bible verse in Prov. 3:27-28 that came to her mind when she found out about Kerstin's situation. Kerstin was positively surprised that the Bible talks about such practical issues!

Since then the situation has improved and she has been able to find a way to earn some money - not easy in East Germany with unemployment around 18% in Dresden, and over 45% in other areas. In the *Discovery Group* we have often explained the Gospel up to a point where all they needed to do was to decide for themselves to accept Christ. But we have never pushed. And on May 13th Kerstin came to Christina and asked if they could pray together so that she could give her life to the Lord - she had become convinced that Jesus cared for her. Afterwards she was really radiant and walked right up to the church janitor and told him: "Now I've done it!". He had no idea what she was talking about, so she had to explain it to him - her first testimony. © Thank you Jesus!



Kerstin

Please join the Walents in prayer & praise:

Praise God with us that Kerstin has given her heart to the Lord. She is doing well.

Remember to pray for Daniel and his family, that they will come to know Christ.

Ask the Lord to give a breakthrough in the hearts of Susi and Mike - Carolina's parents.

You can help us pray for the needed support Steve is raising for our next term.

Earrestly pray for more church planters and the start up of Boot Camps for their training..

Remember to pray for the pastors and spiritual leaders in Saxony. Our District Superintendent is going through a burn out and two other pastors are battling serious health issues. They need healing and all ministers here need God's grace and protection for their lives and their families.

Thank you for praying for Pro Christ & Carolina

Thank you for praying for the Pro Christ outreach. We furnished the church with coffee house tables, which gave the meetings a nice personal atmosphere. Many visitors came, but we did not see many conversions. One thing that made us happy was that our friend Daniel, our computer guy who describes himself as a "convinced heathen", came to one meeting. We have had some good talks with him and he says Steve is the first person that has taken time to listen to his questions and give answers he can understand. Please keep praying for Daniel.



The Oasis during Pro Christ

Thank you also for praying for Carolina, who we mentioned in our last newsletter. Her surgery was pushed off from Easter until the end of May. She came through the surgery fine and the doctors were pleased. Her Mom is also doing better now that this is behind them.



Carolina

We are so thankful for each of you individuals and churches standing with us. It is truly a privilege to be your hand extended here to people who know nothing or very little about Jesus. Jesus was called "the friend of sinners" and that is part of what we try to be for the people here. Please keep them in prayer. May the Lord bless you with joy as you serve him!

Your missionary friends,

Steve & Christina Walent