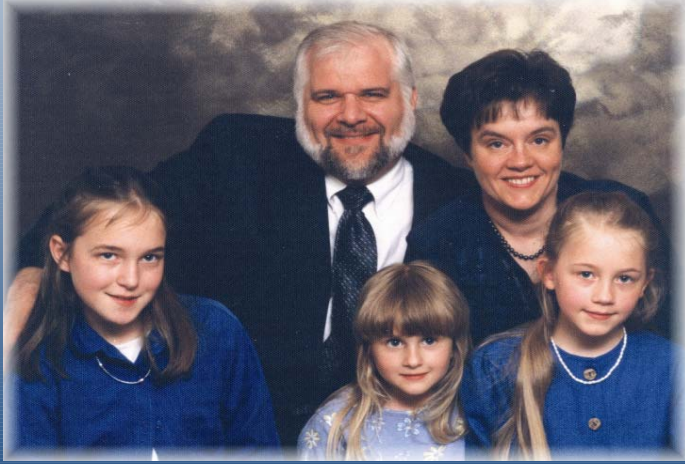


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Dear Pastor, Family and Friends,

We greet you from "spring time" Dresden with crocuses and daffodils in full bloom. It is a very early spring and we are enjoying the warm weather. We hope you are doing well. Spring time brings out the feeling of new life - new things emerging all around. That is true not only in nature, but in ministry as well. So read on about some new things emerging.....



Steve preaching in the new facility in Kamenz.

The new facility in Kamenz finished

After an intensive time of renovations the new facility in Kamenz is now finished. The new facility has brought a boost to the people in the Kamenz church plant. Many Sundays we now have an attendance of 40 people or more. We were able to take in 5 more members and we are starting up a children's ministry.



The new building in Kamenz.

Church Planting

The most proven way to build the Kingdom of God over the long haul is found in the process of planting healthy churches. Healthy churches are growing churches (not just numerically). Such churches evangelize, disciple and guide their people to find their place of service in the local church and in the Lord's kingdom - all this is a conscious as well as an unconscious effort - I mention unconscious because this element expresses the inner growth and presence of Christ within us...we start to take on his nature more and more...sometimes without even realizing it!!

As every where else, here in Saxony there is a great need for healthy churches to be planted. In the past three years we have been part of teams that have planted two churches - this has been a wonderful experience. For 2 ½ years Steve has been coordinating the church planting initiative in the province of Saxony (East Germany) along with a team of pastors and lay workers. In March we will complete our first 2-year church planting school. Already we are making plans for our second school to start in the Fall of 2007. We have two more church planting teams scheduled to definitely take part in the training, with 3-4 additional teams as good possibilities - please pray for these teams.



Christmas fellowship in the sanctuary in Kamenz.

Please join the Walents in prayer & praise:

Praise God with us for the new facility in Kamenz. It is making it much easier to reach out in the community, having our own place to invite people to, and good things are happening.

Remember to keep praying for the 7 teams that have gone through the first Church Planting School; that the Lord will use them in a mighty way in their church plants and communities to reach people with the Gospel.

Ask the Lord to help us as we develop the program and curriculum for the Church Renewal School. We really need His guidance, so this new venture will be something that is born from His heart all the way through.

You can help us pray for the next Church Planting School; that the Lord will bring the new teams together and guide them so many more churches can be planted here in East Germany.

Earntly pray for our church planters and their families. They are on the front lines and need divine protection for body, soul and spirit. The enemy is no gentleman and likes nothing better than to cause such people harm.

Remember to thank the Lord for the growth in Dresden-Gorbitz. We are now 72 members. Also pray for divine direction as we are looking for a larger facility for Sunday services as we are quickly outgrowing the old one.



Pray for us as we develop the curriculum for the teaching!

A new project - the Church Renewal School

We have discovered, that in order to establish a healthy church planting movement we must also concentrate on strengthening our base of existing churches. Right now about 40% of our churches in Saxony are under 25 church attendee's with another 40% between 25-50. Some of these churches have been at this level for years!! Our team is now working on a "Church Renewal School" training program to assist our existing churches to take inventory of their present position - assess how they got there - discover what they need to move ahead in order to become the church God has called them to be. We will focus on subjects tailored for church ministry such as: relationships, leadership, team, discipleship, structures and the dynamic process of change.

Please keep this important, on-going project in your prayers. We are already seeing fruit from these efforts across our region. God wants to do so much more among us, and we are excited, because we are seeing his will and purpose opening up to us!!



Thank you so much for being our faithful partners in ministry. May you be encouraged by this "investment report" in *The Walent Street Journal*. God is birthing some new things here in East Germany through your investment of prayer and financial support. We are encouraged and excited to be part of it. May the Lord bless you as you continue to serve Him and stand in the gap.

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