



TOM & SANDY HASTINGS

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Dear Prayer Partners,

Thank you for praying for our family camp in July. We had 108 people in attendance along with guests from four other German Baptist churches. We had amazingly good weather, Bible-centered preaching, encouraging fellowship and we even were allowed to sing together! For many months this had been restricted by the government. The unsaved who attended received a clear gospel message.

Many of you are aware of the heavy rain and flooding that took place here in Germany. There was great destruction in an area only 35 minutes from our church. Over 100 people lost their lives and many homes were either totally destroyed or greatly damaged. At this point, almost four weeks later, the need is still tremendous. We are thankful that no one in our church family suffered loss.

In July, we also finished disciple studies with two families and are also encouraged to see our men meeting regularly for prayer at the church. Our ladies are gathering in different homes during the week to pray for our church families. The times are evil, but prayer is powerful!

During this last year, our Lord has been speaking to us about making a change. The decision to submit to His will has not been easy, but we believe it is the Lord's will for us to leave the ministry in Germany. There are no conflicts or difficulties that led to this decision. We have counselled with our home Pastor, Joe Dickinson, and he agreed that this is of the Lord. Both Bro. Ed Taylor and our church people are saddened at our leaving, as we are. We are leaving behind a mature, independent Baptist Church under the leadership of Bro. Ed Taylor. We are confident he will continue to lead the church in God's truth and to actively be involved in missions, both in Germany and around the world. We encourage you to continue to invest in building German churches through the ministry of Bro. Ed Taylor II and Hillcrest Baptist Church.

WE ARE NOT RETIREING; we are entering a new ministry. Sandy will be available for ladies' meetings and retreats, and I will be open to preach meetings wherever the Lord opens the door. If you feel led to support us a little longer while we get resettled, it would be a great blessing. Hillcrest Baptist Church will continue processing designated funds for us in the future. Attached is a letter from Bro. Dickenson concerning our departure from Germany. Our new home will be with our youngest daughter and her family in Oklahoma City.

We have been extremely blessed by you, our supporting churches. You have been faithful in finances and in prayers for us and the ministry here. When we have been with you, you were gracious and generous with us. We believe we have had exceptional supporting churches. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Please pray for our departure, as the Covid problem can complicate the picking up and shipping of our small amount of goods. We have tickets to fly October 5. May our Lord richly bless each of you and we look forward to seeing you State-side.

Yours for European Souls,

Tom and Sandy Hastings

Phil. 4:13!

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