



BERLIN, GERMANY

September - October, 2023

„Als ich aber nach Troas kam, um das Evangelium von Christus zu verkündigen, und mir eine Tür geöffnet war im Herrn“

2. Korinther 2, 12

“Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord.”

2 Corinthians 2:12

Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for the work here in Berlin. We are thankful that God has answered your prayers and opened doors of opportunities for us. We have seen more people come to the services and we thank God for His goodness and His moving in the hearts of the people.

As mentioned in our last prayer letter, we had an outreach in August with three goals in mind: 1) bring the Word of God into the homes of Berliners, 2) see the church grow and people come to the Lord in salvation, and 3) to have our visitor's eyes opened to the desperate need of the Lord Jesus Christ. Basically we were asking the Lord to open doors and that is exactly what He did!

DOOR NUMBER ONE:

After the outreach closed, the family that was ministering with us from Missouri helped to hand out additional John / Romans packets that covered two areas in Northern Pankow during the month of September. Thousands of homes and apartments received the Word of God. We are still going out every week distributing these packets throughout the district of Pankow.

We have had many positive responses with the people we meet on the streets who ask what these packets are for. We tell them it is the Word of God and an invitation to attend a new Baptist church in the area. When they hear these packets are for a church, they are initially reluctant to take one. However, when we explain it is for a Baptist church, they are curious and take one to read. We thank God for opening these doors and ask you pray that more doors of opportunity will open.

DOOR NUMBER TWO:

As the literature packets are being distribute throughout our district, we have seen people come to church as a result of it. Everybody who comes to church is a direct result from a John / Romans packet that was delivered

to their homes. One great example is a lady named Akua and her three children. She came one Sunday, after the services were over, and asked if this is where the Baptist church was? We told her yes, it is and then she pulled out one of the John / Romans packet and said she received this in her mailbox. She said she read it and wanted to come to our services and she has been coming ever since.

We also had other visitors come and just recently we had a student going to medical school call about our services. A missionary wife from a different country where this young lady attended church before coming to Germany, contacted us and asked if we could help her out. We picked her up and brought her to the services. When we dropped her back home, she said that she wants to come back. She has also signed up for the daily devotions we send out every morning on WhatsApp. Her name is Polina and we ask you to pray for her.

In addition, the four people who received our Bible study from the outreach have not come to church yet, but they are still taking the course. This is another door of opportunity the Lord has opened up for us. We praise the Lord for this opportunity and ask you pray with us for more people to come into the Lord's house.

DOOR NUMBER THREE:

As the Lord continues to open doors here in Berlin, it is such a blessing to see the Holy Spirit working on the saved and the lost in the services. Andreas, who received the Lord this past summer, is growing by leaps and bounds. We have Bible studies every week and he is just hungry for the doctrines of the Bible. We were studying about baptism and he realized that is what he needed to do (I did not bring up the subject, I wanted the Holy Spirit to reveal it to him) and he asked like the Ethiopian eunuch "what doth hinder me to be baptized?" After discussing what baptism meant, we baptized Andreas (see picture below).

Andreas is continuing in discipleship and is seeking ways he can serve in the church. It is such a blessing to see his fervor and we are praying that He continues to use Andreas to reach many people with the Gospel, especially his family. Also, continue to pray for Frank. He has been very faithful attending services. He is not saved yet, but we can see that the Holy Spirit is speaking to him about salvation. Pray also for Omid, that Holy Spirit will continue to speak to his heart as well. Once again, we praise the Lord for opening many doors of opportunity and we are excited to see the next door He will open.

Thank you for your genuine and generous love, prayers, and support. God is using you to make a difference in many lives. May our Lord greatly bless you for your sacrifice!

In His Service,

Scott & Kris Poling

