

*Presenting Christ to the Nations
in Berlin, Germany*

The "Dye"ary

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Do you ever feel like your life is a mess? If I'm honest, I'd have to admit that parts of my life and ministry seem like such a mess. There are projects that have fallen into neglect, people who have wandered away from the fold, decisions that I have second-guessed, countless lost who have not been reached, etc., etc. Can you relate? The other day I began reading *Gold Cord*, by Amy Carmichael. In her book she shared how a friend encouraged her:

"Don't be discouraged. Where there is building, there is rubbish. Don't stop because of the rubbish; get on with the building." In the midst of the mess and rubbish, somehow the Lord is building his church in Berlin. Thank you for your part in enabling us to join the Lord in his glorious building project.

Since our last prayer letter, here are some of the ways we're seeing the Lord at work . . .

Summer Camps. During the last two weeks of July, we ran our Children's Day Camp and Teen Camp. Between the two camps, over 140 children and teens participated. One parent came up to me and said, *"We make these camps a priority each summer and schedule our family vacation time around them."* Several children and teens responded favorably to the message of the gospel. A highlight was V., a teenage girl whose family we have known for several years, responding to receive Christ as her

Savior. Pray that as we work with children and teens that we would see the Lord raise up a generation of spiritual soldiers in Europe and beyond. Pray especially for the growth of V.



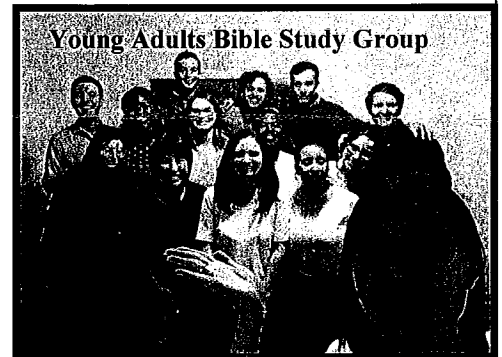
Cedarville team & CrossWay camp workers

Workers. What a special treat it was for Becky and me to have a team from Cedarville University (our alma mater) come and work alongside our church people to help lead both camps. An added plus was that two of our kids, Isaac and Abby, were a part of the team. We're also thankful for a team from Jersey Church in New Albany, Ohio, who served with us this summer, along with my cousin Anna Dye. **Praise the Lord the of the harvest that he sent workers to help us in the ministry this summer—and pray that he keeps sending them!**

Refugee Ministry. This summer we had the chance to hold two events in the refugee home in which our church has been ministering. Once again, due to some challenges the home is facing, the administration has asked that we cease our involvement until further notice. In the mean time, there may be the opportunity to have a ministry in a second refugee home that has recently opened up across

the street from a family in our church. In the past few months, a family from Syria has regularly been attending our church. Also, recently I've begun meeting T. from Syria for a one-on-one evangelistic Bible study. **Pray that we would have divine wisdom and power as we try to reach out to refugees. Pray especially that T. would become a devoted follower of Christ.**

A house for all nations. One of the thrilling things about our church in Berlin is to see the Lord gather people from various nations. Last week at our Young Adults' Bible Study, 9 nations were represented among the 15 in attendance—Germany, Italy, Zambia, Kenya, South Africa, Singapore, Brazil, Canada, and the U.S.! **Pray that the Lord would continue to build his international church—especially among young adults.** (Of the 55,000 foreigners who moved to Berlin in 2016, 44,000 were 18 to 30 years old!)



Young Adults Bible Study Group

Becky and I appreciate so many of you who continue to "hold the rope" through your prayers and financial support!

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