
Fwd: Germany is a magical place at Christmas...

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Dr. Clark and Ann Peddicord in Berlin



Germany is a magical place at Christmas...

Dear Friends,

The Christmas star is shining in our window and the scent of Christmas is in the air! Germany is a magical place this time of year! Here's an update on what's been happening since we last wrote:

Thank you for your prayers! At the end of October, I (Clark) spoke to about 150 students at a combined university Christian student service called "UNI-fied". The ministries of *CRU*, *Inter-Varsity*, and *Students for Christ* had a combined, begin-the-semester meeting to worship together and share about their different works and the times and places each of the groups meet on the different universities.

I spoke on "Where Faith Lives" and explained at the beginning that we live together in "Haus Nazareth" with 13 students who love Jesus, then added: "We have a lot of parties!" There was immediate laughter; but the group listened intently as I explained that fellow students from classes and seminars often come to these parties. Most don't have a clue about the Gospel. But often something during the party speaks to them on a deeper level, something unusual that they sense but can't explain. Either that evening or in a later conversation, these students often begin asking questions about "Haus Nazareth". Their questions can be the first step on the road to faith – because faith in Jesus does live in "Haus N"!

We are grateful for you and your prayer with us! Without your help, "faith-living" here in the Haus would not be possible and we would not still be trying to drill our way through the spiritual haze of post-Christian Europeans!

A friend texted recently asking what I thought the best translation for "fallen condition" and "redemptive solution" were. "WOW!" I texted her back, **"You're sailing in deep theological waters, aren't you?!?"** She was asking a difficult question. I would normally try to explain these ideas "dynamically" through a story or a metaphor because these terms are rooted in the entire biblical worldview - something that is completely missing for most people in Berlin. That's why it seems to me that translating the message of the Bible for modern people is one of the highest challenges of proclaiming the story of Jesus!

Along this line, I am finishing up research on the Gospel of John and this question about "a redemptive solution for our fallen condition" started me thinking again about how far most people in Berlin and most other world-cities are from having the first clue about the meaning and significance of the Bible for their lives. **Less than 2% ever attend church!** How can modern, secular people move from ignorance about the story of Israel and Jesus to realizing how this impacts the core of their lives?!? Issues like this have motivated me to try to create a digitalized, modernly adapted "travel guide" thorough the Gospel of John to help them investigate faith in Christ.

We greatly appreciate your friendship, prayers, and support!

We're convinced that God's work here in Berlin and other "global cities" is absolutely crucial to the future of the Christian faith. By 2050, almost 70 percent of the estimated 10 billion people that will inhabit the earth will be living in massive urban networks. **Berlin and cities like it are faith-laboratories for the future!** Comm(unity) in Christ is a key to God's blessing His body in the world and carrying Jesus' message to the nations. **That is where "faith lives" today.**

THANK YOU for teaming with us!

Sincerely in the Master,
Clark and Ann

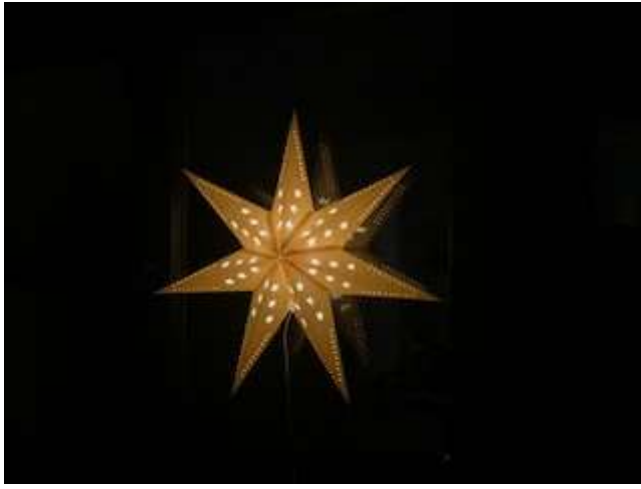
PS: Quite a few friends use this time of year to send in special or yearly support for our mission. We are deeply grateful! There are two ways to do this:

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The star in our window (come and see it in person! ;-)



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