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Veteran Missionaries to the US Military

October 2018 Prayer Letter

Dear Co-laborers in Christ,

Greetings from Germany! We are grateful for the prayer and financial support we receive for the work God has called us to with our American Military and their families. We have been blessed by the outpouring of encouraging words of affirmation from so many around the world as we embark on this new church plant.

Arrival

We arrived in Germany on Thursday morning, November the 4th. The flight from Dallas to Frankfurt was good and we are adjusting to the time difference. We "hit the ground running" and these first days have been very busy as we set up for living and ministering here in this country.

First Sunday

Sunday, October 7th, was the first service for Grace Baptist Church. God opened the door for us to use the historic Mennonite Church building in Sembach, Germany for our services. The German Mennonite Church built a new building 4 years ago and this building has sat empty for this time. One of the church leaders has prayed for some time that an American pastor would come and use the building to reach the military and English-speaking people in this area. The church decided they are not going to charge us any rent for the building. All we pay is the utility bill. We also were able to secure meetings rooms in the Sembach Town Hall only 2 blocks away for Sunday School classrooms and a Fellowship Hall with a kitchen. The price is only 100 Euro a month (\$115.) which includes all utilities! For those of you who are familiar with Germany and the prices here; this is AMAZING!!



Blessings

We immediately went shopping for a vehicle the day we arrived and found a good used car at a great price that day! The Lord has enabled us to find a nice apartment to rent at a very reasonable cost from a German Christian lady. She wanted to rent to missionaries and set the rent at a 25% discount from normal prices and is charging no deposit which is unheard of here in Germany. This is only one of many clear signs that God is in this church plant.

Important Note

Many of our supporting churches have changed over to GIBM and we are grateful. For those who have not done so yet, PLEASE NOTE the new address to send support to at the bottom of this letter. We stepped out by faith and came knowing God would provide and we are counting on your continued support to keep us here.

Yours for military souls,

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