

Gary & Karen Craft

Veteran Missionaries to the US Military

Dear Co-laborers in Christ,

Thank you for your prayers and support during the challenges I had with my heart. AFib and heart racing issues have been a challenge and continue to be. In spite of my heart issues, we are glad to be back in Germany and the ministry here.

OUR RETURN

We arrived back in Germany on March 8th and have spent many hours mentoring the Kitchen family. They arrived in Germany on January 28th and we are excited to see how God has arranged all the details of their move to Germany. We immediately began a weekly training time for the two of them that we call "Military Missions Boot Camp". This type of overseas ministry to the military is completely different from any other ministry. We are grateful that the Lord has allowed us to have this training time with them. Also, we have spent much time renovating the inside of the church building that the Lord gave us in August. We put in a new dropped ceiling and new lighting which lends to a much brighter look in the auditorium. The new ceiling will also allow us to save energy costs which are very expensive here. We immediately planted flowers on the property and in the window boxes...all of this making the building and property more welcoming to visitors and regulars. Currently, we are in the process of painting the inside of the church which was greatly needed. New flooring and construction of a new platform are planned for the month of May.

OUR GERMAN LANDLORDS

Although our primary focus is the English speaking Americans in this area, we are always mindful of the lost Germans around us. We have built a close relationship with our landlords. This week, I was invited by our landlords to come to their home and answer some Bible questions that they had. A friend of theirs came and translated for us. What an opportunity! God worked in the 2 hours we spent together. It was a wonderful time spent witnessing to those who wanted to hear. I was reminded of the story of Cornelius in the Book of Acts who was waiting to hear what Peter had to say. Most Germans are devoid of faith and think works is the way to please God in the matter of eternity. Please pray for Dietmar that he might understand and trust Christ for salvation.

EASTER SUNDAY

We will hold a special Easter brunch and service on April 17th to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. We are planning to saturate an area near the church with outreach invitations before the big day. Pray that God will be glorified and visitors will come.

MAY 1st

On Sunday May 1st, we will have a special service as we pray over and dedicate Bro. Rob Kitchen to the ministry of Grace Baptist Church. We are blessed to see how God has orchestrated everything in their call to military missions and His enabling them to be here in ministry. We believe God will do great things in this church!

PRAY

Pray that the heart issues that I deal with will not short circuit all the plans set in place in the ministry here for the month ahead.

Yours for military souls,
Gary and Karen Craft