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Dear Pastor and Church, dear praying friends!

As I mentioned in my last prayer-letter, right after Christmas last year I had to preach a funeral. Praise the Lord, despite the ongoing restrictions, a good number of people showed up and I had great liberty to preach and present the Gospel (1. Corinthians 15:1-4). The deceased lived in our community, but was originally from Augsburg, a town about 100 miles south of us. The daughter of the deceased now asked me to preach a 2nd funeral in that town, due to the family burial plot being there. Well, I did, and another group of people heard the gospel preached. As a result of all of this, the daughter and her husband now join us on Sunday mornings in the live broadcast of our services. I'd rather would have them present in-person, but certain circumstances hinder it. Please pray for Birgit and Harald (saved, but doctrinally not very sound), as well as for Birgit's cousin Manuela, who is not saved but had many questions and was very open.

You also prayed for Mrs. G., an elderly lady that came to our services for a while and was then suddenly hospitalized. She fell and broke her femur. After the hospital and a rehab, she did come back to Church; praise the Lord. I have the impression though, that her reason for coming to Church is to have some company and not so much to hear preaching from the Bible. She is still very reserved towards us, so please keep on praying for her to open up to a spiritual conversation.

My cousin Heinz, only 3 years older than I, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly of bronchial cancer. He heard me preach a couple of times, but never made a move. The way he was buried was very saddening, for the family had a secular woman speaker that spoke very well from a philosopher's standpoint, but from a Christian's standpoint it was nothing but helplessness and meaninglessness. Not once was the gospel, the Lord Jesus, the cross or salvation mentioned. Please pray for Heinz's wife Gisela and for the immediate family. We hope to get to see them again in the near future.

Toward the end of March, we have another street meeting scheduled, where we put up a table and offer Bibles and Christian literature. For this kind of event, we need the City's permission. In the past we never had any problems getting the permission, neither did we this year. But we were given one restraint though: we are not allowed to actively approach anyone; we have to wait for them to approach us. This is a severe hindrance, and I will – of course – disregard this restraint. Please pray for us; we do not want to get into any 'legal situations' that will bring a reproach to the name of Christ. May the Lord give us wisdom and guidance to handle the situation right.

Katrin, the young lady who wants to get baptized, has decided to wait till Easter Sunday so she can bring family and friends along to her baptism. She wants it to be done in public in a nearby waterway. Well, we are looking forward to this event and hope and pray, that others that need to be scripturally baptized will join her.

We have had more visitors and received some phone calls. Sometimes, I wonder. Why do we always get the nutty ones? We had one that tried to convince us that Christ was a vegetarian and therefore we ought to be the same; one other said that all the other 18 (!) churches she had visited before, had cast spells on her and started to tell me all about it... Let me tell you this: everyone gets a fair chance, but after a while, if one is not willing to listen to the Bible, please move on and tell Church # 20 what the other 19 did. Lord, please,

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*"For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ."
(2. Cor. 2:17)*

send us the right people, the ones that are seeking the truth and that want to know what the Bible has to say.

Over the last years we have noticed an obvious change in the tracts we were using; more and more the message switched to an easy-believe-ism kind of message. Therefore, we decided to write and print our own tracts from now on. Of course, this involves praying, writing, editorial work, setting, graphics and printing. Much work, indeed. Please pray for the Lord to bless this work and that each tract we are about to print will bring honor and glory to His name by people getting saved, into the Bible and into Church.

My wife and I are doing well; all things considered. I have a pending situation with a German government agency and am waiting for a final decision from them. This has been ongoing since August last year. May the Lord speed things up and resolve the situation the way He sees fit. Please pray for this situation also.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support on our behalf.

May the Lord bless you; all because of Calvary,

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