

Germany

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How can I, except some man should guide me? Acts 8:31

Dear Pastor and church,

First Thanksgiving Outreach Event – This past November we planned and held our very first



Thanksgiving dinner here in Ingolstadt. It was a wonderful time of preaching, fellowship, and praising the Lord for all that he has done for us. After the Thanksgiving message that Pete Arrants preached (which I translated), we had time to go around the table so that people could share what they were thankful for this past year. I was not sure how the Germans would feel about celebrating an American holiday and sharing their thankfulness with others. Much to my surprise, they greatly enjoyed trying all the American dishes and also sharing how God has blessed their lives. My mother, sister, and Susanne did all the cooking for this event. Praise the Lord! Pete, Kelli, my sister, my parents, and I did all the decorating. I am so thankful for the support and sacrifice put into the preparation for this event. This was also the first that my father was able to visit the church here in Ingolstadt since his medical emergency in April. I am already looking forward to next Thanksgiving dinner as the church would like to make this one of their events.



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Christmas Outreach Event and Services – One of our outreach events this past December was visiting a *Weihnachtsmarkt* (Christmas market) in Regensburg which is a very historic town close to Ingolstadt. Below is a group photo of this outreach event.



As is the case here in Germany, one of the most well attended services is the Christmas Eve service. This is traditionally the day Germans celebrate Christmas and even non-church-going Germans want to go to a church service on this day. This is a strong German custom, so we had many visitors in attendance for our candlelight service.

Praise the Lord! Please pray that these visitors will return to more services and receive the Lord as their savior.

Special Needs Request – I have been on the mission field on my own for 20 years (being a second generation missionary I have actually been on the missions field since 1977) and planted my first church here in Ingolstadt, Germany. I look forward to continuing church planting mission work here in Germany; however, the years take a toll on things like cars. My ten-year-old car with very high mileage began breaking down and when I took it to my mechanic he told me that it was time to look for another car. Fortunately, I was able to sell this car so that I can start looking and saving for the next car. Since this is going to be a larger financial burden, please pray that God will provide the needed funds. If any churches would like to give to this special need it would be greatly appreciated.

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