



The POLINGS

Missionaries to Berlin *Scott and Kris*

September - October, 2024

„Ich muß die Werke dessen wirken, der mich gesandt hat, solange es Tag ist; es kommt die Nacht, da niemand wirken kann.“

Johannes 9, 4

“I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.”

John 9:4

CONTACT INFORMATION

Nantesstr. 76
13127 Berlin
+49 152 372 482 81
berlinwatchman@gmail.com

SENDING CHURCH

Pastor Joshua Fryman
Harvest Baptist Church
P.O. Box 40
Larimore, ND 58251
(701) 343-2122
larimorehbc@gmail.com

MINISTRY GOALS

- Evangelizing the lost in their language and culture
- Discipling Believers
- Planting Churches
- Training Pastors to reach their own people

Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

We trust this letter finds each of you doing well. We are quickly coming to the end of 2024. It truly is amazing how quickly time goes by. I am reminded that anything we attempt to accomplish for Christ must be done now; tomorrow may be too late. As the verse states above, we must be busy today about the Father’s business.

These past months have been very busy, and it is good to be busy about our Lord’s work. Even though the work here often feels like two steps forward and one step back – there is progress, and it is still moving forward. We choose to rejoice in even the small things and praise God for all He is doing.

TWO STEPS FORWARD:

- On October 3rd, the Day of German Unity, we celebrated our first Erntedankfest (the German’s Thanksgiving) with a BBQ. Although we did not have all our folks there, we rejoice with those who did come and the visitors who attended. Andreas’ son, Jean Mael, also came. The Lord is working on his heart as he has questions about the Bible and he took a Bible study. Jean Mael stated that he would like to visit our services again and sit down and talk with us. The day was a blessing and a refreshing time for all who came. We look forward to expanding this event next year.

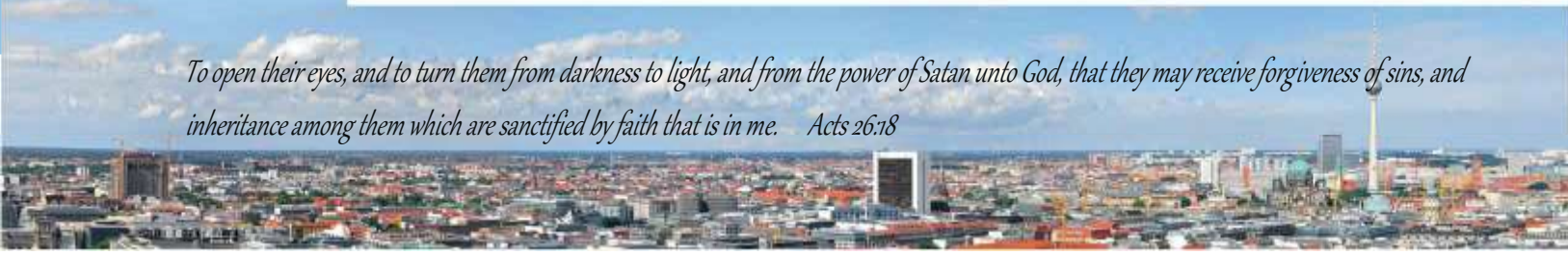
- We continue to distribute John / Romans literature packets. We go out three to four times a week. Once again, it is our goal to cover the district of Pankow with these packets. We also encourage our folks to take some of the packets with them to hand out when the occasion arises. Stephanie, the lady we mentioned in our last letter, invited one of her house mates to come to the service – and she came. Her name is Rachel and she stated she really enjoyed the service and that she would come again. It was such an encouragement to us to see God’s plan working – one reaching another!



BIRTHDAYS

Scott Sept 11
Kris Jun 26
Anniversary Oct 18, 1986

To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Acts 26:18





- In late September, we had the opportunity to take a trip to Scotland and spend some time with the missionary family the Cloughs. It was a refreshing time both physically and spiritually as we were able to see the work in Elgin where Brother Clough is planting a church. The folks were very hospitable, and it was a blessing to see nationals saved and serving the Lord. We were given the opportunity to present the field of Berlin, and the Lord moved the hearts there and they voted to support the work here. God is so good!
- We were in desperate need of updating our video, to show the work here in Berlin and how it is progressing. Brother Shane Ferris, came and spent a week with us to film a video explaining the work here. You can see that video at <https://shanferrisfilms.com/missionary-videos> and click on "The Poling's to Berlin, Germany."
- Finally, we have doubled our morning devotionals to the folks who visit the church. It is a blessing to hear that the people love to receive and read those devotions. It is also a blessing to know those devotions are being delivered all over the city, the surrounding areas, and even throughout the world. I send them to a lady who lives in the Siani Peninsula. She takes the devotions and Sunday morning messages we send her and reads them to her neighbors. What a blessing to have the Word of God being read in Egypt!

ONE STEP BACK:

Although we have had good responses to the events and literature packet handouts, the work goes slowly. The visitors who say they will come again do not always return. Or when they do come it is months later and they are not very faithful. Andreas' son Jean Mael, Rachel, and others have not visited again but we are praying that they will come again and allow the Holy Spirit to work on their hearts. Also, with all the John / Romans packets distributed, we have had some complaints about receiving them in their mailbox (that is to be expected). The number is few, praise the Lord for that, but it saddens our hearts to know that they are throwing away the only hope they have learning how to have a relationship with God. Pray the packets will find "good ground."

We thank you for your prayers for my dad. He went home to be with his Saviour on September 12th. Please continue to pray for my brothers that Dad's testimony will speak to their hearts. As always, thank you for your faithful prayers and support. It truly is our privilege to partner with you to share the Gospel with the people of Berlin. There is no way we could do what we do without you. We truly are laborers together.

In His Service,

Scott & Kris Poling

Prayer Requests:

- Jean Mael and Andreas' other sons - Alyoscha and Emanuel
- Rachel
- John / Romans packets received well
- Faithful attendance to the services
- Visitors to come
- A German man saved, called to preach, and trained to be the Pastor
- Renewal of our VISA (due in January 2025)