

The Duke Family

Missionaries to Germany

Dear Praying Friends,

May – June 2011

For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. I Thessalonians 4:7

The developing events around the world have strengthened our faith in the belief that we shall soon be caught up in the air with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. With this realization we want to be counted with those that our found faithful.

We consider ourselves called of the Lord and by His grace expect to maintain a standard that is holy and acceptable in His sight. We consider the coming days as our last opportunity to be used of the Lord. What a responsibility! We realize the need for prayer as the day approaches; please pray for us.

I recently made a hospital visit to a man named Ingo, who is about my age. We have known Ingo for a couple years now, but never were able to help him overcome his rotten religion. He was admitted to the hospital for severe chest pains, and feared he was having a heart attack. He shared a room with two other men, and I noticed that he was intentionally trying to get me out of there before I had a chance to witness. I did not want to embarrass him, so I held my peace until we could speak in private. As he described the events that led him to the hospital, I asked if his heart was beating for God and without hesitation he answered yes. I then asked for a testimony of his salvation, to which he replied that it was too private and personal to tell. I gave him the story of how I came to know the Lord as my Saviour, and told him we should always be willing to give an answer of our hope. He then began to tell the story of how he had found new life in a dream about a different land somewhere in the orient. His eyes were full of tears as he shared his experience and what he considered his new birth. There was no repentance for sins, no offer of forgiveness, only a dream of a better land! It does not require more than a basic knowledge of the scriptures to discern his hope is built upon a foundation that will not stand on judgement day. And there are literally thousands in our city alone that are resting on no more assurance than their dreams can afford. Indeed, we must be filled with the Holy Spirit of God to reach these passionate dreamers. Please pray for us!

Harry is a young man that we mentioned in our last prayer letter. He came to get help from us, but cannot overcome himself. The Lord provided him a good job and an excellent opportunity to get a fresh start, but it appears he is determined now to do things his own way. He blames all of his problems on his wife and she refuses to follow him. In reality, the root of his problem is his own inability to submit to the Lord. We have stressed the biblical principal of seeking God and his righteousness first, but he is not willing to wait for God's timing in his life. He currently appears to be marching to the devil's beat. Only the grace of God will save him from total shipwreck. Please pray for him.

We are looking forward to the summer months, and are again asking the Lord to use us as we visit the German naval ships at the Wilhelmshaven Naval base each week. The first opportunity will present itself June 30th – July 3rd, as ships from several different countries will visit our port for the weekend on the Jade. Then from July 16th through August 20th, there will be an open door every Wednesday to visit different German naval ships from 12:30 - 3:30. We like to use this opportunity to go onboard and do some one on one witnessing. This provides a great means of reaching young men from all over Germany with the Gospel. Please pray the Lord would use us to reach some of these young men!

Again we appreciate your prayers for the work the Lord has called us to do. We count it a privilege to be Ambassadors for Christ in the land of Germany. Our desire is to be found faithful servants, holy and acceptable unto God. We stand daily in need of prayer!

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