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The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, for the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed. -Isaiah 61:1

Dear TEAM,

It was one of those nights where you sensed something special was going on but couldn't put your finger on it. We had a new lady visiting the Friday night Bible study. She is from Romania, speaks little German, and communicates with us in limited English. Although she seemed a little shy in the beginning, she didn't let the language difficulty interfere with her desire to participate. After the study, I asked if she would like to share with the group how she became a Christian. Catalina hung her head as tears began dropping from her face. She wouldn't look up but nodded yes. Everyone waited in silence as she tried to gain enough composure to speak. I was ready to take off my shoes, because I was certain we were on holy ground.



Monika with Catalina & daughters



Monika and I will be visiting San Diego this summer and look forward to sharing the wonderful things we have seen God do in Austria.

She grew up in an orphanage, never knew her parents, and had never experienced love. She had to pause periodically while telling the story, because just saying these things was so overwhelmingly emotional for her. One day a Christian missionary from America came to the orphanage and told the children, "Someone loves you. His name is Jesus." She confided in us, that all she ever wanted was to be loved by someone. Continuing, she sheepishly said, "I didn't think there was anything about me worth loving." Eventually, the missionary helped her to understand God's love and how to receive it through believing Jesus as her personal Savior. If that wasn't enough, he returned and adopted a number of the children and raised them as his own. Today, she is a Christian, has a husband who loves Jesus, and has three beautiful little girls. It is wonderful to see how God transforms lives. Catalina's story has inspired us to keep sharing the Good News, and we are so honored having her in our fellowship.

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Monika and girls from the discipleship group

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

- Mat 28:19,20

Perhaps the most dramatic addition to our work this year has been a discipleship program. It started when a young lady came to me for counseling. I noticed that she had no faith or trust in God, although she claimed to be a “believer.” So I started a Christian Foundations Course with her and began noticing a radical change in her life. Others noticed it too and began coming to me for help as well. It became obvious to me that young people do not have confidence in God because they do not know the scriptures. Each one of the young people began growing in their knowledge of God which resulted in a new trust and confidence in HIM. Finally, a young pastor called and asked if he could meet with him. I asked him why he called me, and he said, “I saw such a change in several people you meet with, that I wanted to find out what you are doing.” He has become a faithful friend and partner in ministry.

I have met once a week for several hours at a time with each one of the young men and women for almost a year. They are faithful, never miss an appointment, and eagerly want confirmation of our next meeting. They have all gone through or are about to complete the Foundations Course. This is the beginning of something special.

**It's official:
JULY 14th
2012**



ENGAGED

Anne graduates in MAY from the Credential Program and will marry David Berg in Los Angeles

WHAT'S HAPPENING 2012

*"I don't know what God is going to do, but HE is going to do something."
- JUNE 2008*

These were the words spoken after graduating High School. With no ability to attend a University, we prayed. Walking by faith and trusting God for the future, David moved back to America. David graduates in May with a major in **Film Production** and minor in **History**. More importantly, he has learned what faith in God can do. Congratulations David!



*David graduates from Pacific University
MAY 2012*

PRAY for Danny as he heads back to serve in the PATMOS Discipleship Program

