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missionaries to the U.S. Military

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Dear Co-laborers in Christ,

We rejoice in the Lord and the work He is doing here in our midst! We are thankful that you have enabled us to be here in this country in ministry. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support.

Amazing Stories

Our last letter closed with reference to the men who recently made decisions for Christ. Each of them have an amazing story of God's grace and deliverance. God spared one of them through **TWO** simultaneous IED attacks in Iraq that destroyed several vehicles in their convoy. That experience led to his salvation, and he is faithfully bringing others to Christ now. God spared another one of the men through a horrendous motorcycle accident that left him without his left arm and left leg. He is wheelchair bound now, but that experience caused him to come to Christ. God spared the third man from death after he fell 40 feet off the roof of his house when he was trying to repair roof tiles. The doctors said that he would never live, and **IF** he did, he would never walk again or be able to function normally. I had the privilege of baptizing him and his dear wife two weeks ago. All of them attest to the fact that God used these events to bring them to Christ to serve **HIM**.

German Appreciation Day

Although our ministry here is primarily to English speaking people, we want to always be mindful of the lost Germans around us. On Sunday, October 4, we held our first ever German Appreciation Sunday in an effort to reach the German speaking peoples around us with the gospel. Much planning and effort went into the day. We made special invitations in German and encouraged our people to invite their German landlords, neighbors, and Germans they do business with. We prepared hymns to sing in German, and special music in German and even had two different children's churches that day...one in English and one in German. The fellowship hall was decorated and we prepared a meal to serve following the service. One of our own German men translated as I preached a simple salvation message. The LORD blessed our efforts with 42 Germans visiting our church for the first time that morning! Only 3-4 were children and the rest were adults! Our people were thrilled and excited! Many of the Germans came to personally greet us and thank us for the special day. It was an amazing day! To God be the Glory!

More Fruit To Your Account

The Sunday morning attendance has increased nearly 40% since our last prayer letter. The exciting thing is to see the Sunday night and Wednesday night attendance at 85% of the Sunday morning attendance. We have had five saved, eight baptized and seven families and one single lady have joined with us.

Praise

My broken collarbone has healed correctly, and I am grateful to the Lord for it. I celebrated my 60th birthday on the 17th of this month, and I am rejoicing that God has allowed us to be in this ministry to our US Military and English speaking people in this area. It is clear that God is doing a work in answer to our prayer. We have prayed that He would do a work here that could only be said that God **DID IT!**

Yours for military souls,

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