

Dear Prayer Partners,

- We here in Germany are seeing two very different spiritual trends at the same time. Let me explain a bit:
- On the one hand the number of those beginning their theology studies to become a full-time pastor (in the Protestant State Church or in the Free churches, or a priest in the Catholic State Church) has decreased by 90% since 2015. The Protestant State Church (this is the church that goes back to Martin Luther) is significantly reducing the number of their churches and pastors. To give you one example that I learnt about a few days ago: In an area of Northern Bavaria the Protestant State Church recently announced that they are reducing the number of their pastors and staff in the next two years by 40% (due to financial challenges).
- On the other hand we see at Gospel Church Munich and at other evangelical churches that there is a great spiritual hunger especially among the young adults and that an encouraging number of them have become believers of Jesus Christ in the last few years. Wherever Jesus Christ crucified and risen is faithfully proclaimed in Germany and in Europe God is drawing people to Himself.
- We recently decided at Gospel Church Munich (GCM) that on the third Sunday of the month we will offer a 30-minute prayer time after the worship service (for those interested) to pray for GCM and to pray for revival in Germany and in Europe. The first time we did this in November about 25 to 30 people came to the prayer time. I am convinced that we need to give ourselves more to prayer.
- This Sunday, December 7 we will have a special worship service to thank God for his grace and that He has assembled people from about 40 different nations at Gospel Church Munich. During the service one person from Nigeria will briefly share about the current situation of Christians in Nigeria and then we will pray for the believers in Nigeria. After the service we will have an international lunch buffet and at the end of that two persons will share some of what God is doing in their home country of Indonesia. Please pray that God will bless this special service and lunch and that many will come, both believers and unbelievers. Pray for God to bring many to faith in Jesus Christ.
- From November 18-20 Elizabeth, Susanna and I were able to attend the City to City Europe conference in Budapest, Hungary. One young lady from our church also joined us there. Praise God that it was a very blessed and encouraging time. Over 350 people from 30 countries attended and about 100 of them are church planters in Europe. Please pray for God to raise up more church planters in Europe and that the Gospel and God's Word will be proclaimed faithfully by all of them. In January and in April I will attend important leadership meetings for both City to City DACH-NL (for the German-speaking countries plus the Netherlands) and for City to City Europe. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we think and pray about what we should focus on in the next five years to see more Gospel-centered churches planted.
- From January 2-14 our former intern Nick will be visiting Gospel Church Munich with his wife (they just got married this past June). Nick will graduate from Covenant Theological seminary in December of 2026 and he is interested in becoming the Assistant Pastor at Gospel Church Munich. His wife will be for the first time ever in Germany. Please pray that God will bless their visit at GCM and that the Holy Spirit will clearly guide them and us as a church. If Nick and his wife were to come then he would come as a missionary and he would have to first raise the funds, so they would probably move to Munich in 2028. It would be a tremendous help to have Nick as Assistant Pastor, especially because we have so many young adults who grew up in non-Christian families and because in God's grace Gospel Church Munich continues to grow.
- Our goal for the giving in Munich in 2025 is 200,000 Euro (about \$ 234,000). So far we have received 142,000 Euro (about \$ 166,000). Please pray that the giving at Gospel Church Munich will be strong in December and that we can reach the 200,000 Euro or at least get close to it. Humanly speaking it seems impossible, but with God all things are possible.

- Elizabeth and Susanna have been sick since last week. Please pray for complete healing for both of them. Sophia has a very stressful time at university - she needs to be done with her bachelor thesis and another research paper and a few more things in about two weeks. Please pray that she can pass everything and that it will go well. Please pray for protection and strength and good health for all of us.

Here are two pictures from Budapest and one picture from our small Youth group. Please pray for the Lord to bring more families and teenagers to GCM.







Warmly in Christ,

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