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"...Understandest thou what thou readest?

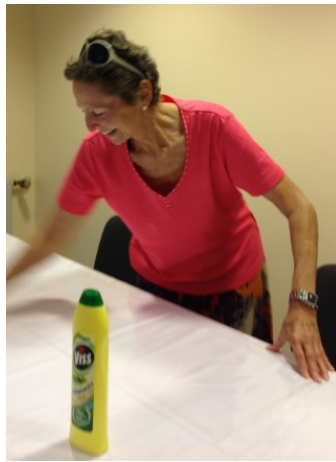
And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me?..."

(from Acts 8:30-31)

Sunflower: Esther, the wife of one of the first deacons, Maik. She and Maik were active in the early stages of our ministry with Gypsies. We would often be guests at their home because it was almost impossible to say "no" to Maik and Esther. Esther was a "profi" at decorating. She was innovative and "cost conscious" staying within our budget. Our first tent meeting together was in Forchheim, Germany. A German Mission was hosting the tent meeting. They had invited me to preach to the young people at 10 pm every evening. We arrived early for the 8 pm service and saw how wonderful the pulpit area (stage) had been decorated. Everywhere there were yellow ribbons and sunflowers. That evening I told the young people some of the reasons the sunflower is my favorite flower: as they are growing they always face the sun going from east to west during the day. When they mature they bow their heads and give us rich fruit! This, in looking back, seemed to be prophetic of Esther's life. She was a vibrant Christian, growing into a mature believer while looking to Christ. She was our Church and Tent decorator until she went home to be with the Lord after our Tent Meeting in 2013. Maik has been a deacon in the Church in Nürnberg since November 2002. He regularly tells me of how Esther's love for our Lord encourages him to stay faithful. Esther's love and faithfulness continues to "bear fruit" in our lives.



Esther



Esther the Servant



Jim and Maik

Tent Meeting in Unterleiterbach...July 2019...the Sinti from Hamburg, Germany led this evangelistic effort. Our men and women helped in any area needed and our Lord blessed the work. Seeing the Gypsies from all over Germany working together, having the same beliefs and goals was rewarding. We were humbled and regenerated through our Lord blessing His Word. The people who had been hardest to reach with the Gospel were now glowing as they professed their belief in Christ. The joy of the Lord was our strength.

Tent Meeting in Gedern am See...August 2019...We arrived in Gedern with the joy of the Lord and a hope that made every task possible. (There were more people helping put up the tent than were needed. This is a miracle!) The first week we had terrible weather: cold and

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wet. However, the tent had visitors in the 8 pm and 10 pm services. Many young people from the surrounding area came to the campground around 9:30 pm so they could be in the



Camp Tent Service

youth meeting. The blessings did not stop with the last preaching service. On the day that we took the tent down, one of the oldest men on the campground called a young preacher to him. He had known for some time that he was lost and just could not leave the camp until he had professed his faith in Christ. As we were doing the final clean-up and paying the last bills, a young German man came back to the campground. One of our men asked him what he thought of the message that was preached each night. The young man said he was convinced that we had spoken the truth. He had only one question, "How can I receive what you promised?" Literally, we had professions of faith right up to the time we drove away from Gdern. Thank you for praying.

Baptism in Gdern... We met in the tent and each person who wanted to be baptized gave their testimony. Our musicians and choir led us to the lake where we were to baptize. The German campers stopped their activities and came to watch. We stood in the water and preached the Gospel to them before beginning the baptism. It was wonderful!



Baptismal Service

Chasing every opportunity...September 2019... There were special meetings in Churches and on the campgrounds where our people are staying. Most weeks we were in some meeting every day of the week. We had 4 preachers in Romania who recorded 30 professions of faith

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in their week-long meeting. On the last Sunday of September our preachers were on 2 campgrounds and in 5 Churches in Germany.

The father of our daughter in law, Joanna, Bruce's wife, needs your prayers: Joanna's parents are missionaries to the Roma (Gypsies) in Romania. In January her father, Pete Heisey, suffered a heart attack. His short-term memory has suffered from the time he spent without oxygen after the heart attack.

Thankful for your prayers for our health: Becky just spent a week in the hospital after "passing out" while working in the church in Bayreuth. She spent a week in the hospital going through many tests. The neurologist there has diagnosed Becky with epilepsy. We have an appointment with a neurologist in our town on October 23 for a second opinion. Please continue to pray.

Lord willing, Becky and I have postponed our furlough until Winter 2020. We are working with the men and women in our churches, preparing them to take over the bulk of our commitments.

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