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This then is the message which we have heard of him and declare unto you that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. (1 John 1:5)

Heinz was born in Nürnberg, Germany, in 1938, near the beginning of World War II. His father became a soldier and was sent to the east to fight in Russia. Nürnberg was a frequent target of Allied Forces bombing raids, and Heinz was just four years old when the allies dropped 6,000 bombs on Nürnberg. He was the only survivor when his home was destroyed by a bomb. He was orphaned (his father was listed as missing from the battle at the Crimean Peninsula and never returned to Germany) and lost the sight in his right eye due to glass splinters, and Heinz continued to have physical problems relating to the bombing for the rest of his life. He finished school and started his career, marrying, and having two children. He sang in a church choir for more than 30 years and, although disabled, worked until retirement. Soon after retirement, he became completely blind and needed someone to accompany him on his walks and trips to drink coffee at the café.

His family hired one of our strong believers, Thomas Döring, to be Heinz's companion for two afternoons each week. Thomas is the best witness and soul-winning partner imaginable; he is bold and lives what he preaches. Just after the first lockdown, I was invited to join them. Listening to Heinz tell about the war years and his physical problems without any hint of bitterness was humbling, and I was silent. He broke my silence by asking this question, "Did you decide to come to Germany, or were you sent by your mission agency?" His questions revealed that our conversation was not his first contact with the Gospel. Thomas had already planted the seed!



**Jim White**

**Thomas**



**Brother Heinz**

I gave my testimony of salvation, and then told him that it was my desire to come to Germany to tell others about this great salvation! Our conversation was what Heinz needed to help him make the right decision: He turned to Christ and received the gift of salvation at 81 years of age on August 11th, 2020! Everyone around us immediately noticed the change in Heinz. They saw the joy he was experiencing, and we rejoiced to hear him talk about hope and forgiveness.

Three months later (November 21, 2020) during the second lock-down, Heinz died. On his death announcement was 1 John 1:5b - "...God is light, and in him is no darkness at all." Heinz is no longer blind, lame or prohibited from social contact!

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As previously reported, the pandemic forced us to cancel the 2020 tent meeting due to possible attendance of up to 1,000 people. We also had to forego a planned furlough in October, due to lockdowns in Germany and the real possibility that we might not be allowed back into the country.



Mission work is staying alive even through the pandemic: The Sinti (Gypsy) churches have been working together with German churches to help the Roma (Gypsy) Churches in Romania. We gathered over 600 shoe boxes for distribution to poor children; and, on November 15<sup>th</sup>, we loaded a tractor trailer with humanitarian aid to be distributed among 15 churches in Romania.

#### Prayer Updates

- Continued protection from Covid-19 for us and the congregations
- We are in a third lock-down; this one is scheduled to go until January 10<sup>th</sup>
- Continued participation in alternative methods of communication during the pandemic restrictions
- Possible expanded travel restraints.
- Praise God that Heinz's family has kept the door open for us to witness to them. Please pray for his family to accept the Lord! There are so many more to reach with the Gospel.

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We can't hyperlink it from our pdf, but the address on You Tube for the 2020 ministry review is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plcfgNQ00s> or search in You Tube for "Jim and Becky White 2020 Ministry update"

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