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And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed *are* the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them. (Revelation 14:13)

The Gypsies (including Sinti and Roma) were a people group that suffered greatly under the Nazis. While six million Jews were murdered in the Holocaust, estimates are that up to a million Gypsies also perished.

On April 29, 1945, American Troops freed tens of thousands of surviving Holocaust victims trapped in Germany's **Dachau** concentration camp. This was the first and longest-running concentration camp of the Nazi regime.



Dachau concentration camp - barracks foundations

bunks

& latrine

One of our Sinti believers said "Because the Americans liberated my father from the concentration camp there are 110 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren living today. For this I thank God and the armed forces who have freed all survivors."

The Third Covid Wave...**Bamberg:** The oldest member and last surviving concentration camp victim in our congregation died of complications related to Covid. "Jaijo" had become the father to so many who had lost their parents and then the grandfather to their children. His decision to turn to the Lord Jesus Christ for eternal salvation brought him peace in this world and healing from the horrors he and his family suffered in World War II. For me, Jaijo was a friend and faithful supporter of the Gospel. I never left his presence before he embraced me and then held my hand and asked God to bless me, my family, and the ministry. (Our God answered his request!) Because of covid restrictions, his funeral was a small, peaceful event. His children, the church in Bamberg, and all of us who knew Jaijo look forward to seeing him in Heaven.

The Third Covid Wave...**Saarland:** The first ordained Sinti pastor is now in Heaven. Josua, who was also one of our youngest ordained ministers, died of complications related to Covid. Josua learned to read in our Bible Institute. His desire to know the Bible generated many questions in the classes. Out of that energized Bible student, our Lord developed a preacher who could teach God's truth with passion and clarity.

Neunhof...our newest preaching station near Nürnberg...Covid regulations restricted us to one service a day with social distancing. In the building where we meet, that limits us to ten people per service. The end of May we had two salvations which put us over the maximum that could meet in the building. Our answer to that was to add a Saturday preaching service to

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allow us the opportunity to add an additional ten people to our “congregation.” By the end of June, we have maxed out both services! Praise the Lord!

Bayreuth...our building was flooded! The water level rose to almost three feet in the streets. It will take weeks for the foundation to dry so renovation can start. Our Lord provided a place to meet at a local soccer club. This has been a blessing! Because of the size of the club building, we can double our attendance while keeping the German social distancing rules. Instead of getting discouraged, our congregation has bonded together. After the rules were relaxed to allow 100 people to meet in open areas, we planned a baptism. One of the ladies who had gotten saved and wanted desperately to get baptized, Wella, is a sister to the man who helped us start this work. She has COPD but would not be discouraged from this step of obedience. Three of us helped Wella into the lake, Bruce and I baptized her, and she walked out of the lake on her own without any assistance! God knows when to send a miracle!



Pastor Josua from Saarland



Baptism of Wella in Bayreuth



Campground in Austrian mountains

Haiming, Austria... our first summer campground visit (June 23-26). Becky and I drove into the mountains and onto the campground with rejoicing hearts. The scenery and the waiting congregation was almost too much for our hearts to bear. The preaching was blessed by our Lord as people seemed to take the word of God into their hearts the way a sponge takes in water. They then got on their phones and spread the word. We hope to be reporting more of this spiritual action in the next letter!

Meadville, Mississippi... my mother had pulmonary psoriasis and was hospitalized after signing a DNR. Becky and I flew to the USA on Monday, June 28; and for three weeks my brother, my three sisters and I were with her around the clock. (I had the 7pm to 7am shift.) My mother prayed with us, sang with us, re-told stories of our youth. We made many good memories. On July 16, 2021, my mother left us to join our Saviour and her mother in Heaven. Her passing was so peaceful with no signs of her illness. Please continue to pray for me, my brother and my three sisters.

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