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For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not.

(Isaiah 30:15)



Birthday gift from Sinti (favorite coffee)



Grafenwohr water tower



Gathering food & necessities for Roma Gypsies

WE RETURNED TO GERMANY ...

And were encouraged to find church leaders and members concerned about the spiritual status of their Christian community. The lack of good Christian fellowship had helped to increase fear and depression among members. The attendance in worship services was not increasing and there was no evangelization. We find our solution in prayer for revival and returning to basics.

RETURNING TO SCHOOL ...

Children were allowed to return to school. Classes were cancelled often in the first two months. If anyone in a class had contact with someone who tested positive, all the children would be sent home. As the Covid restrictions began to be lifted, hope returned to families. The general health of all our families has improved. There is no more mandatory testing, wearing of masks, or quarantine requirements for school children. This allowed people to return to worship services at their local church.

RETURNING TO CHURCH...

Returning to the church building and worshipping with other believers has helped. Christians are not rushing out of the building as soon as the last “amen” has been said. They are staying around after services to interact with each other in fellowship. We have returned to sitting at the table together to drink a cup of coffee, share prayer requests, and discuss ways to get more active.

RETURNING TO EVANGELISM... Romani culture gives us the opportunity to invite family and friends to “come and dine.” An invitation to a meal will rarely be declined. The

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Churches in Bayreuth and Würzburg combined their gifts and talents in October and November for evangelistic outreach in Würzburg.

In October we held a baby dedication service. The invitations went out, and we were blessed as grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins drove in for the occasion. The main course of this meal was a small pig, prepared by a local meat market. Around this delicious main course, our people provided vegetables and salads. For dessert, one family provided enough cake to feed an army, and we ate it all.

In November we used the American Thanksgiving as our theme. Those who can cook divided up recipes and produced a classic Thanksgiving meal which included a huge turkey. Our excitement was impossible to contain as we watched the building fill up. For the second time this year, family and friends sat together for a meal. Children played together. Preaching came after the main meal and before dessert. This schedule “allowed” everyone to hear the Gospel!

RETURNING TO MISSIONS...

The churches in Würzburg and Bayreuth combined their gifts and talents again to go on a mission trip to Grace Baptist Church in Grafenwöhr, Germany (a major training base for U.S. military units in Germany). This church ministers to the American military community; their ministry language is English; and almost all the people attending are Americans. This “Mission Field” is less than 45 minutes from the church in Bayreuth. Our Gypsy churches were encouraged through this mission that forced them outside their comfort zone and which had to be performed in a “foreign” language. In addition to singing two songs in the Gypsy language, our choirs had prepared some songs in English to minister to the Americans. Testimonies of our members were given in English or translated from German to English.

RETURNING TO CORPORATE PRAYER...

Covid restrictions had left us using only social media and phone calls to share prayer requests. Christians were faithful in prayer, and we have received many answers to these prayers. The one area of prayer we were missing was the church praying together. Christians are now meeting in the Church building for prayer during the week.

Praise and Prayer Request:

- Bruce’s operation on his leg was successful; he can now walk without pain.
- Becky will be having cataracts removed from both eyes in January, 2023, and a partial hip replacement in February, 2023.

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