



**Ted & Diane Holzmann
Prayer Update**

September 5, 2006
(Last update: August 2nd)

Dear Friends and Family,

Feeling as if in a fog

We arrived back in Germany last Tuesday (Aug 28th), thankful not to have had our travel plans intersected by the new security measures. Though a week is normally sufficient to get over jet lag, we find ourselves in a sort of mental fog, unable to properly concentrate or be motivated for the normal tasks of life and ministry. We covet your PRAYERS to see us through the fog and back into the light.

Being godly to the core

It is really uncanny the way the Enemy of our soul uses “stuff” to get us off track in our pursuit of Christ-likeness. A seemingly minor incident just before we flew to the States uncovered unresolved pain, anger and bitterness within the core of nationals with whom we work.

Much of it goes back to long before we were involved here in Mainburg. Yet, if reconciliation in the Spirit of Jesus is not possible within a group of six couples, then what hope have we for sharing with integrity about our God who reconciles?

Please stand with us in fervent PRAYER for the Spirit to work in all of us towards the goal of pure hearts, clear consciences, and sincere faith. (1 Timothy 3:15) This has the potential to de-rail or build God’s work here in Mainburg.

Physically challenged

Ted took a head cold with him to the States, and when we landed in New York, his middle ears filled with fluid, closing his hearing off to the outside world. This condition triggered all his “hot buttons” of claustrophobia, as with nose spray, room pacing, and earnest prayer he fought the panic which rose up inside.

As of this writing – after two visits to the doctor, antibiotics, and careful use of cortisone nasal spray – a month has passed and the condition is only partially resolved. Along the way Ted reached a profound decision, and considers this a good lesson in walking in God’s grace.

“This is not some kind of divine punishment, since all punishment is removed through Christ, for those who trust in Him. It challenges my determination to remain quietly trusting and patient upon Him who holds all things in His hands. So, in a humble attitude of patient acceptance, I choose not to live for the sake of getting my ears opened. I will live for God, and He will care for my ears in His own way and time.”

By His grace the panic attacks have subsided. Ted has learned a new appreciation for the energy drain those people experience who have to deal with chronic health issues. Thank you, Lord! And please PRAY for health for both of us. Naturally Ted shared the “bug” with Diane, who is now dealing with a persistent cough.

And the wonderful news:

Oh, you were wondering about a wedding?! Yes, Tim and Danielle were wed on August 12th. Thanks to you relatives and friends who made the extra effort to come to Rome, NY to be part of the festivities! It was a special time and they are a special couple.

During our weeks in New York we also experienced wonderful times with all our ‘children’, and a particularly memorable family conference involving honest, loving sharing and a heart-warming time of prayer.

Coming up!

The month of September is focused on the foundation and future direction of the work in Mainburg. Our attention is also directed to preparations for three weeks of Missions Conferences and church visits in October.

Blessings to each and every one,

Ted & Diane

Pictures of the month



Arriving at Diane's home August 8th. The plane from JFK was cancelled 8/7. God's providence put us together with John & Peggy, with whom we rented the van to get home. Peggy was recovering from neurosurgery, Ted's ears were hurting, and they live just up the street from Mom's home!



Wedding candids. The guy in the robe is Danielle's uncle, Mark, a retired Methodist Air Force Chaplain. Ted and Mark each had a few minutes for meditations on Ephesians 5 in the ceremony. Our daughter, Laura (in blue quilt) and her hubby, Alex (Tim's best man), enjoy a laugh with Tim and Danielle. We love 'em and are proud to be their parents!



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Along with all the other family events this month, we got out to enjoy "Breakfast at the Races" at the famous Saratoga Race Track. The buffet was really amazing – suggested by the fruit in the picture – and the service and track-side atmosphere were really special!