



## Ted & Diane Holzmänn Prayer Update

October 10, 2006  
(Last update: September 5th)

Dear Friends and Family,  
Back in New York

We experienced smooth traveling last Monday (10/2) as we made our way from Munich to Milan to Boston and, via church van, here to Glenville, (near Schenectady) NY. Thank you East Glenville Community Church (EGCC) family for inviting and arranging this trip! We were joined in Milan by the John Klassen family (Germans), former interns from our days in Neuburg, who are now church-planters in the former East Germany. We were busy with media reports and sermon preparations last week. PRAY for health, strength, and grace as we and the Klassens are featured guests and speakers for this year's Mission Conference at EGCC. Diane and I have additional appointments in five other churches. We return to Germany October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Discord dispelled

Thanks so much for your prayers and notes of encouragement over our concerns for unity in the little fellowship in Mainburg. The one relationship that involved Ted directly was graciously resolved. Ted used this commonly known situation to ask everyone in the core group to examine their hearts and reconcile with each other all the old, bottled up pain and questions. One person gave feedback that this admonishment to unity would not let them rest until they followed up.

Although we are not privy to details, there is a sense that harmony has returned. After our worship service on Sunday (15 adults attending), it was a joy to see everyone simply enjoying casual conversation with each other. THANK the Lord!

### The physical challenges

Many of you responded within hours of our sharing about Ted's ear problem last month. We praise the Lord for tremendous improvement within 24 hours of that mailing! However, Ted's ears are still not clear and Diane's sinuses and chest are also not yet clear. We are not quite sure what to make of these chronic distractions. Please KEEP PRAYING.

### Back at the ranch (Mainburg):

While we are visiting many of you here in New York, new things are happening in Mainburg. Several of the core and some newer regular attendees have assumed responsibility for various Sunday and weekday activities in our absence: some for the first time. PRAY for their preparations and nervousness.

This past weekend was Mainburg's "world famous" Gallimarkt. (Named after the Irish St. Gallus, and an annual event since 1397!) A (Christian) bookstore on wheels was set up in the street in front of the church's show window. The church door was open with an offer of a relaxed cup of coffee and cookies for any guests. While we do PRAY for people to buy Bibles and good books and stop for a chat over coffee; our expectations are more future oriented. Only after about five years of regular presence and participation, will "new" offerings – in this case a Christian booktable – find general acceptance.

### Connecting in Person

We are so thankful for the opportunity to be in the Schenectady area for the next three weeks. We are available for personal appointments and meals, and would be glad to catch up more personally with you. Feel free to call us: (518) 399-3439. When we are at your church for meetings, please come up and identify yourself to us!

.Blessings to each and every one,

*Ted & Diane*

**Pictures of the month**



Diane travels in and out of this train station (Rohrbach Ilm) to go to Munich each Wednesday to offer counseling to ex-patriots through the Munich Int'l Community Church.



Christa and Peter, a new couple in our fellowship, invited us over for a simple BBQ. As God has brought them out of drug and alcohol addictions, they desire to share their love for Jesus by encouraging worship. They agreed to organize a "Sing and Pray" worship service for 10/29!



This is what we mean by "book table" during Gallimarkt. As you can imagine, it is a big task to bring the trailer into town, get it situated properly (note the tree protected by wrought iron), and then manned during the days of the festival.

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Christa (left – same Christa as in above picture), brought her next door neighbor, Mathilda to enjoy Christian fellowship at a birthday party. The next week Mathilda came with Christa to a home Bible study. We thank the Lord for Christa's testimony, and pray for Mathilda's growth.



(Left) A number of brass groups, all in traditional costume, gathered in Mainburg's town square and performed for over an hour on Sunday 9/24.  
  
 (Right) Dave and Liz Brzozowski, met us 10/2 at Logan Airport, Boston with the EGCC church van. "Welcome Klassens + Holzmanns" in the window!

