



Ted & Diane Holzmann Prayer Update

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Dear Friends and Family,

Fresh Wind

From October 2nd to 23rd we were very busy, some might say “just blowing from here to there”. While we did put a lot of miles on the car (thanks, Alex and Laura, for the use of the car!), we would have to say that it was a time of refreshment.

We enjoyed being with so many of you friends of long-standing, but were greatly blessed by meeting a whole bunch of new people. A big thanks to the churches who organized all sorts of opportunities for us to meet your people: East Glenville Community, Brunswick Presbyterian, Ballston Center Presbyterian, Loudonville Community, Faith Baptist, and Saratoga Chapel!!

And criss-crossing the Capital District of New York at this time of this year was an extra special treat due to the glorious fall coloring. What an inspiration that was! Ted could easily have enjoyed taking pictures each lovely day, all day!

Our activities were also varied, though a lot of them were related to eating in one way or other. Ted thinks he must have put on 10 pounds in three weeks! One of the highlights outside of church would have to be our boat ride with Matt Hopkins as he coached the Mohawk Homeschool Rowing Team on the Mohawk river. (Thanks Brzozowski family for organizing this!)

Fresh Sails

The Spirit of God has moved here in Mainburg. We are thankful for a new family who showed up this past Sunday. The wife, Brazilian and a Jesus follower, had come alone two weeks ago. She brought her German husband, Uli, their daughter, and yet another Brazilian woman. What made

their visit such an encouragement was the discovery that Uli and Konrad (from our core) were best of friends years ago! It is apparent that Uli is actively considering the claims of Christ on his life. What a great joy for Konrad to be now in a position to serve Uli in his search. PRAY for Uli's search and that their friendship would grow to include spiritual things.

As God has answered your prayers for improved communication within the core group, He has also nurtured a hunger for closer relationships, too. PRAY for a meeting of the “Original Four” couples this Sunday (11/12). They want to prayerfully consider what has happened that they aren't as close or as responsible as they once were, and what Jesus would have them do about it.

Perhaps most significantly, two new prayer initiatives are underway: one on Tuesday mornings, the other Friday afternoon. PRAY for a healthy development of both of these. While knowing that prayer is important, we don't want to fall into the trap of expecting that God becomes our debtor, owing us something, because we pray. This can get tricky. And we know there is an Enemy who would surely have us discouraged!

Fresh Trails

Even while we were away, the women took the initiative to begin meeting without Diane, and are happy about what they have accomplished. The men were not so progressive – though they did do wonderfully at organizing and conducting the worship services – and we look to beginning with a new handymen style of men's group 11/17. Pray for these new trails being blazed.

Diane is also making (vapor) trails, as she flew to Nashville on Monday (11/6). We congratulate Nathan and Bridget on the birth of Naomi Ruth on Saturday, 10/28! Diane will spend two weeks playing “Grandma” for the five grandchildren and being a help to Bridget. PRAY for her to be a blessing, and for Ted in her absence to use his time well.

Gratefully laboring together with you!

Ted & Diane

Pictures of the month



Diane and Laura teach about German music as a mother-daughter team during "Deutsche Schule" at our home church in East Glenville, NY.



Bonnie Davis of Ballston Center ARP wins a German cap for the *hottest* chili at their cook-off!



Left: There was also time for family! Diane with sister and brother-in-law on her left, her mother up close and cousin across the table. Daughter, Laura and husband, Alex at the far end. **Center:** Ted presents Pastor Ron a "good luck" Germany cap, prior to bringing the sermon to our home church. Ron reported later that it didn't help his golf game a bit!



Above: Diane answers questions about our work, standing at a simple display table (Saratoga Chapel).

Far Left: The "Monday Men" at East Glenville. A group of guys who meet at 6:30 each Monday, read and discuss a short portion of the Bible, then pray for the concerns of the church before sharing breakfast at the diner together. Ted tries to join them whenever he is in town!

Left: Two young scullers, rowing on the Mohawk River in the beautiful fall coloring.



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Left: Christmas in October! Laura and Alex set up their Christmas tree, and turned on the Christmas Carols as we exchanged presents! Got to take advantage when you're in town!

Right: Thanks to Christine Sonnekalb, German teacher and member of Loudonville Community Church, we enjoyed this sumptuous dinner together with new arrivals from Germany, the Bergen family; Tina, Walter and boys. To top it off, Walter's parents were also at the table, visiting the US for the very first time! We spoke more German than English!

