



## Ted & Diane Holzmann Prayer Update

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(Last update: November 7th)

Dear Friends and Family,

**Writing these updates** is a great faith builder. As we write this lines, we are both sick and not feeling particularly "spiritual" or in touch with God's purposes here in Mainburg. Yet, in the effort to identify what God has done in the last month, we rediscover hope and are encouraged.

**November 12<sup>th</sup> was a** "red-letter" day on the calendar for all of us involved with the church-plant effort here in Mainburg. During the morning service Ted completed his series of messages on Paul's first letter to the church in Thessalonica. His theme, "Church: a living fellowship", was totally suited for celebrating the final signing of our charter membership document (see picture). And that afternoon the entire core group met together and made some concrete decisions for team-building that should make the fellowship even more alive.

**Yesterday (12/2), following an** evening prayer meeting with communion, Marion S. asked Ted if he could also sense the new spirit of unity and commitment within the group, which she senses. He had to admit, that since the gathering on the 12th, the team really does seem to share a new joy and delight in being together.

**This coming weekend is** the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Advent. That means it is time for the annual Weihnachtsmarkt (Christmas market) in Mainburg. While only a two day event, the FeG will take part. Friday evening the booktable trailer will be hauled to Mainburg and set up. Saturday we will decorate and begin taking turns manning it. Amid the other booths of Christmas sweets and knick-knacks all around us, we will bring a spiritual accent through a wide assortment of scripture calendars and Christian books, especially books for children. As we pray-



ed for this event last evening, we prayed for the divine appointments that God will create at our stand. We may each be assured that all encounters are possible divine appointments. PRAY with us for wisdom and love, that the Spirit of Jesus Christ, who is the "reason for the Season", would be evident to our "customers".

**The Mainburg online webcam** will give you a birdseye view of the market. During daylight hours here (2 – 10 pm Eastern Time) point your browser to: <http://www.hallertau.net/hnet/index.php?id=89>.

**Both of us received** important certificates this month. Diane completed the advanced emergency counselor training, and is now a certified emergency counselor, available for service within our county. Ted received a certificate of German citizenship (see picture)! He now has dual citizenship based upon the fact that his father was a Jewish refugee from the Nazi regime. Children of such German "un-patriated" citizens are able to be re-patriated. This ends the hassle of residency permits and opens the door for ministry – he's considered doing a bit of tutoring in English as a way of establishing connections to Mainburg families.

**Diane's counseling degree included** the field of "Spiritual formation". The director of a seminary in Berlin became aware of that and a door has been opened for her to teach a short course on the subject next year. We are very thankful and honored over this opportunity to extend her ministry. Her current counseling ministry is mainly focused on the Munich Int'l Community Church, where she spends all day each Wednesday, seeing between four and seven clients. Some of the counseling is in German and some in English. Here in Mainburg, she also has a few clients.

**We will have a quiet Christmas**, without family. But, following the hectic fall and Advent church activities, we look forward to a bit of quiet.

**May the Prince of Peace**, whose birth we celebrate, captivate your heart afresh this Season.

*Ted & Diane*



**Pictures of the month**



**Above:** Charter Members after the last ones signed on. Yes, Diane and Joachim are missing. 11/12/06.

**Left:** During worship on Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, an exercise in teamwork and trust. Heike was blindfolded and fell backwards off a chair into the arms of the team.

**Right and Below:** First Sunday of Advent. Another exercise in trust, and a view of the assembled congregation of the FeG Mainburg. We have been amazed a number of times at the Germans' ability to think up object lessons. (More online; see below.)

**Below Left:** Ted receives his certificate of German citizenship.



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