



Dear Family and Friends,

“This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”(John 17:3) Jesus defines life as fellowship with God. Out of that primary relationship flows fellowship with one another. This month has been loaded with opportunities for fellowship.

#### Church Fellowship

We were 21 at the church retreat (Feb 16-19). Two women came who have recently begun to make God a part of their thoughts and lives. Ted taught from the book of Ruth on “Shattered Dreams” (using Larry Crabb’s book of that title). Not a few openly admitted to us that the topic spoke to them personally. One man promptly bought and read the book to dig further. The teaching time, however, was very limited. We have learned that Germans use retreats primarily for fellowship. There was plenty of that over the four day weekend. The atmosphere is warmer and more open than it has been and that is a very good sign for which we praise the Lord.

#### Like-minded Fellowship

Traveling by train, directly from the retreat, Ted attended a week of training in church planting. It was challenging and refreshing to fellowship with like-minded people; all passionate to see God’s Kingdom expanded by the planting of new churches. PRAY especially for the encouragement of those working in former East Germany.

#### Men’s Fellowship

We asked you to pray for Ted meeting with the men of the church on a one-to-one basis. Ted connected with two men at their work places. PRAY that he can get together with at least two

more this month.

Saturday (3/3) was Men’s Evening. Beginning at 3:30 pm we cooked, then ate, watched a movie, and discussed it. (Did I mention that we fellowshipped?!) None of the neighbor men came, whom Ted invited. Several of the others had similar experiences. In the end we were eight. A couple of men stopped by just to eat. The Lord challenged us in our roles as husbands and fathers through the film (“Life as a House” with Kevin Cline) and Ted’s discussion questions.

#### Fellowship among churches

The 28 Ev. Free Churches of southern Bavaria met together on the 10<sup>th</sup> in Munich. For small churches like ours it is a great encouragement to be part of a fellowship of 300. Ted was blessed to co-present of a workshop on church-planting. For Diane, God had a special blessing: she received thanks and compliments from two people for things she had said 3 – 4 years ago! She had no memory of the events or the conversations.

While we do enjoy fellowship, we are not the extroverts with enormous capacity for relationships. PRAY for us, as we continually navigate the boundary in this regard.

We are daily grateful for your fellowship with us in this venture!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted &amp; Diane".

#### Upcoming Schedule Highlights:

- 3/10 Ted takes Alfred & Dagmar to “Media Day” in Nuremburg. Diane is in Munich for a regional counseling seminar.
- 3/11 The Startteam meets to refresh and discuss the vision
- 3/18 We look forward to a visit in Neuburg, our first church plant; Ted is guest preacher
- 3/18 The folks in Mainburg begin a monthly potluck Sunday dinner (to improve the level of fellowship)
- 3/24 We celebrate our birthdays, inviting the whole church family and neighbors
- 4/2 Together we travel to New York, where Laura is due to deliver her first child on Good Friday – our sixth grandchild.

**Pictures of the month**



**Above:** Left: "Gowerlhof"; the self-serve farm where we have had a church retreat for three years. Right: It wouldn't be complete without a compliment of animals. There were also a dog, pigs, fish, and bunny rabbits to be discovered and enjoyed!



**Left:** A big rock for climbing. Of course the kids had to show Ted and ask him to take their pictures!

**Right:** Game night included team competition at jump roping ... adults not excluded!



**Below:** Entry point to the Czech Republic a short 15 minute drive from the retreat center. We went over for gas, shopping and supper.

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**Left:** Ted shares a small group with two other church-planters; from Garmisch and Leipzig.  
**Right:** Peter Franz, a roofer whom Ted got to visit; truly on the job atop a three story building!



Many more pictures, details, and some other stories available at our online album area:  
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