



The POLINGS

Missionaries to Berlin *Scott and Kris*

January – February, 2023

“ und jage auf das Ziel zu, den Kampfpreis der himmlischen Berufung Gottes in Christus Jesus”

Philipper 3, 14

“I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus”

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MINISTRY GOALS

- Evangelizing the lost in their language and culture
- Discipling Believers
- Planting Churches
- Training Pastors to reach their own people

Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

We thank each of you for not only supporting us financially but also for the time you take to read our prayer letters and pray for us and the ministry here in Berlin. It is truly a joy as we do His will even in difficult times. We continue to pray as we follow the Holy Spirit’s leadership to guide us in the right path and to be obedient and faithful until the end.

We were greatly encouraged that we had the opportunity to attend a missionary retreat during the last week of February. We were refreshed and challenged each day with a pointed message to keeping moving on, especially on the last night as we were charged with **“I press toward the mark ...”** We praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy as He is taking care of us spiritually, emotionally, and physically.

“I press toward the mark ...”

Although the work moves slowly, we are making a conscious effort to keep moving forward in holy desires, endeavours, and preparations. We are still working on fulfilling the goal to have the Word of God in each home in our district, by handing out a John / Romans booklet and invitation for the church services. It is slow going as our district is one of the largest in the city, but it is encouraging to get the Word of God into these homes. Continue to pray that this goal will be met and that the people will read God’s message to them.

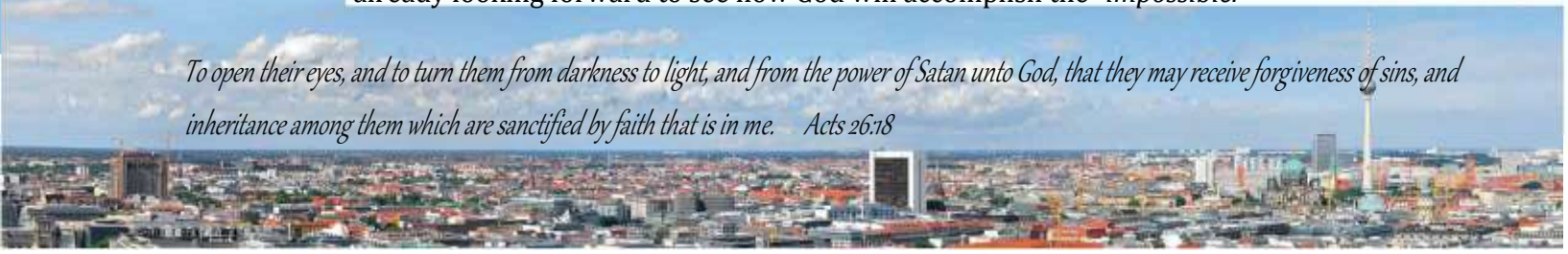
We are also **“pressing on”** with a new scripture outreach in the first week of September. People from our home church will be coming as well as two families, from Missouri and Ohio, to help distribute and invite people to the service at the end of that week. Much prayer is needed for the preparation for this trip: lodging, food, printing, and transportation needs. But most importantly, pray that each piece of literature will find **“good ground”** in the hearts of people receiving it and that they attend the preaching service. Berlin is in desperate need of the Gospel and we are already looking forward to see how God will accomplish the **“impossible.”**

BIRTHDAYS

Scott Sept 11
Kris Jun 26
Anniversary Oct 18, 1986



To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Acts 26:18





Preparations are also being made for the Easter service. We are making an invitation to be printed and my family will be handing them out for the service. We are blessed at this time to have our oldest granddaughter visiting with us and she will be a big help as we walk the streets distributing these invitations. Pray the people will come to the service and have their lives changed for all of eternity.

“... for the prize of the high calling of God ...”

The Lord has called us to do a job for Him and we want to be faithful in the work He has called us to do. We have asked for many months for prayer for specific people as we minister and establish relationships with them. We are still in contact with them and spend time with them, but pray that they will be more faithful in attending the church services. We also have people taking a seven lesson Bible course, either online or personally, and we know that the Word of God will penetrate into their hearts as they complete the course. Pray that they will complete these lessons, and that they will develop a greater desire to hear more about Christ from the preaching of His Word.

“... in Christ Jesus.”

It is our desire to be more like Christ in our walk and we pray that this testimony will be seen by those we are working with. We understand that if we do anything outside of Christ, it will not bring lasting fruit. It is our desire to see true and lasting fruit in the people of Berlin and that God would be praised and honored with lives that have been changed.

Please pray as we continue to spread the Gospel to the people of Berlin and that we will stay faithful. We want to finish our course well. Again, thank you so much for your love and prayer for us. We appreciate you so much and may God greatly bless you.

In His Service,

Scott & Kris Poling

Please keep praying for:

1. Faithfulness for Omid, Joshua, Solomon, Marina, Margarita, Frank, Tilo, Eric, Rebecca, and Jonas and Alina
2. Personal and online Bible Studies throughout the city.
3. Hearts of the people receiving the literature in Pankow would be receptive
4. Independent Baptist Church of Berlin to grow (physically and spiritually)
5. To be a help to our community – both spiritually and physically.