



GOODNEWSletter

*Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout Europe
October 2015*

God Takes Care of His People



As many of you know, we had furlough this year. In September we returned from spending six wonderful weeks with family and friends. It was truly a blessing from the Lord.

Most of my family and friends are Christians. Most of them believe Jesus is their Savior and that they are saved through faith in him. But that does not mean everything was "just peachy" in the life of each and every one of those people. Some were dealing with health problems. Stress from work plagued some. Others had struggles going on in their own families. Everyone had something, or many things, with which they were dealing.

As a result of those problems, there was some sadness, anxiety, worry, and the like. Yet, no one was so downcast that they could not see any hope. No one wrote off God, so to say. In the midst of their issues, there was a confidence that God was in control. God was there and had not forsaken them.

It makes me think of the words of the psalmist in Psalm 105. The psalmist is recounting Israel's history. He begins with the life of Abraham and the patriarchs before they moved to Egypt. In verse 12-15 he says, "12 When they were but few in

number, few indeed, and strangers in it, 13 they wandered from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another. 14 He allowed no one to oppress them; for their sake he rebuked kings: 15 "Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm."

Do yourself a favor and read through Genesis 12-48 or so. You will read about the history of the patriarchs. Their lives were not free from every kind of problem. There were issues with which they had to deal.

Yet, God was there to take care of them. God watched over them and even rebuked kings when he deemed it necessary. God was there. He was there to take care of his people.

It is no different now. My family reminded me of that. I pray all of us are reminded of that every day. By God's grace, we believe that we are forgiven and saved through faith in Jesus. By that same grace may he help us to remember that every day he is watching over each one of us.

October Worship Schedule

Northwood, England – contact Pastor Martin
for location details

October 4

Due to the retreat, there will be no worship
at the Northwood location this month.
Worship will be held at 09:30 at the retreat
location in the Cotswolds. If you have
questions, please let me know.

Wicker, Germany (Frankfurt Area) –
contact Pastor Martin for location details

October 11

Worship is at 11:00 followed by fellowship,
Bible study and Sunday school.

Note: due to the Reformation retreat, there
will be no service at Wicker on Sunday, 25
October.

Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany–
at the Southside Chapel

October 11

Worship is at 16:00 followed by Bible study,
Sunday school, and fellowship.

Note: due to the Reformation retreat, there
will be no service at Wicker on Sunday, 25
October.

Vilseck, Germany – in the small chapel next to
building #205 on the Vilseck Army Base

October 17

Worship is at 10:30 followed by Bible study,
Sunday school, and fellowship.

Zurich, Switzerland area– contact Pastor
Martin for location details

October 18

Worship is at 11:00 followed by fellowship
and Bible study.

Munich – at the home of Mike Kube
Service in October to be announced.

Offerings

Local offerings for the month were €22,726.
Thank you for your offerings. God bless the
generous and humble gifts of his people.

Women's Bible Study

We are taking a hiatus from Women's Bible
study until the fall. We will look forward to
getting together again after the women's
weekend in October.

Women's Weekend in 2015

The plans for the women's weekend in
Venice are set. The date is October 9-12,
2015. Please let me know as soon as
possible if you plan to attend. Contact
Pastor Martin for itinerary and costs.

England Retreat

When: October 2-4, 2015
Contact Pastor Martin for itinerary and
costs.

Reformation Retreat

When: October 23-25, 2015
Contact Pastor Martin for itinerary and
costs.

Future Retreats

March 24-27, 2016 – Walchensee,
Germany

October 21-23, 2016 - Bad Homburg,
Germany

Contact Us

If you have need of pastoral assistance or
just want to talk, please make contact.
Your e-mails, phone calls, & letters are
welcomed.

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Prayer Chain

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened unto you. (Matthew 7:7)

God in His Word encourages Christians to pray continually. It is such an important gift that our loving God has given us in which we can communicate with him and he blesses us. As a Christian congregation that is spread out across an entire continent, we may often find it difficult to know what is going on in the lives of our brother and sisters in Christ in order that we may offer prayers of thanksgiving and supplication for each other. In an effort to keep us united in prayer to our loving God, we have a weekly prayer chain. At the beginning of each week, you will be sent an

email asking if you have any special prayer requests for yourself or a loved one. At the end of the week, the prayers received will be sent out to all those who subscribed to the email list. Please feel free to submit all prayer requests to Pastor Martin or directly to Melinda Gribble at rmgribble@aol.com. If you do not have an email address but would like to add a prayer request, please don't hesitate to call Pastor Martin directly.

Sermons on the Web

Video of the sermons is available at the church web site (www.welseurope.net). I pray this can be another tool for you to use to feed yourself with the Word. If there are any problems, please let me know. Thank you to the volunteers who take the time out of their busy schedules to make this possible.