



# THE SHIPMAN FAMILY



## GERMANY

May/June 2017

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends:

Our ladies were able to attend a Ladies' Seminar that a fellow missionary 3,5 hours' drive away hosted in May. They had a wonderful trip along with good fellowship. One of the ladies going was unsaved but was open to the Gospel and searching. With great joy I can inform you that S accepted Christ as her personal savior at that meeting! We are rejoicing with her. Please pray for her continued growth through the discipleship Bible studies, preaching and that she will follow through and submit to believer's baptism. Each of the other ladies that attended also made important decisions in their lives and felt the seminar was a real help spiritually.

We have a baptism service scheduled for September with four potential candidates. In the past, we have made the baptism service a big event with a special afternoon service and a coffee and cake fellowship directly following. Family and friends of the baptismal candidates and church members will attend this service, many from sheer curiosity, so I use the occasion to carefully explain the Gospel message and extend the invitation that they, too, may accept Jesus Christ as their savior. Then we all reconvene at the designated spot by the river in our town where we then sing a few songs followed by baptizing each of those who have decided to follow the Lord in this step of obedience.

As we continue to do God's will here in our Jerusalem, please remember us in your prayers. Recently, while passing out tracts, I spoke with a gentleman about his eternity. He told me that he used to be in the Catholic church but had since withdrawn his name from their role and was now an atheist. I explained to him that the God portrayed by the Catholic church was not the true and living God that I serve. I told him if he turned out to be right, that there is no God, then he and I would be in the same boat throughout eternity. But if I was right, then there would be a big difference where we two would spend eternity. Often we are mistaken for Jehovah Witness's. To counter that misconception we have started informing folks right up front that we are not a part of that organization but rather just distributing information about Christianity. This has many times been the key to getting people to accept the tract we are offering.

Jerin and Luke's second child, Ryker Cullen, was born on May 28, 2017 making Jennifer and me grandparents for the second time!

We thank you for faithfully supporting this work and our family financially and prayerfully. We are excited at what God is doing here in the lives of the people God allows us to be in contact with.

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