



THE SHIPMAN FAMILY GERMANY

January 2020

Dear Pastor and praying friends:

I am thrilled to report that we had 29 attend our Christmas Eve service! Of those present, 11 are unsaved and each heard a clear and compelling presentation of the Gospel. After the services, Mr. T was very disturbed about his lost condition and requested a visit to discuss that. One of our faithful men and his wife met with him to answer his question. When he left, he understood what he must do to be saved but wanted to think about it further. Please pray for him and we will keep following up with the hope that he will make the decision to repent and believe on Christ for his eternal salvation. We are still in contact with the majority of the other lost people who attended and have the same hope for them as well. Pray for us and the members here that we will remain faithful to pursue the lost for Christ's sake.

We have been busy with lots of home entertaining of people we have contact with. In our home we are able to extend hospitality to people which in turn has been the very reason many will listen to our presenting the Gospel. One lady, who got saved and baptised through the ministry here, recently testified at a ladies meeting, that she did so because she watched our family for several years and that she witnessed first hand that, although we were "normal" people with the daily trials and ups and downs of life, she saw Christ in us and the peace, contentment and joy that comes from being a child of God. We have several people that we are actively discipling. Pray for Mr. M who has been regularly visiting with his brother and sister (both members) and is on the cusp of making the decision to submit to baptism. All that is accomplished through our endeavours is to your account!

While out knocking on doors and distributing tracts recently, we came into contact with a young adult woman who kindly accepted the tract we were distributing. My wife proceeded to talk with her about her personal relationship with God. When asked did she know for a fact that she was a child of God the young woman heartbreakingly responded, "How can I know a man personally and have a relationship with him if he is dead?" She explained that she had been a student in the mandatory religion classes for her entire school years and they taught her that Jesus died on the cross and that that is the end of the story. It is up to her to be good enough and too do all of the other works she can attempt in the hope that God might let her in. She felt hopeless and cynical about her eternity, but promised to read the tract through. We will follow up with another visit soon. Please pray for the thousands of people who have and will receive our tracts through personal witnessing, door-to-door witnessing and as we go about our daily business.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support. We are busy about our Lord's business and thank you for partnering with us to accomplish everything we do for His honour and glory!

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