



A Year in Review - Greetings from Dresden, Germany!

Hard to believe that we are now in our second year in the field. God has been good and merciful to us. He has allowed us to be His hands and feet as we share the love of Christ with the Iranian and Afghan refugees. Let us take a moment to reflect over the past year.

- In response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, vigorously made known the love of Christ by Word and deed on the mission field.
- Assisted refugee support operations in Dresden and Chemnitz through our partner church, SELK.
- Initiated and led Bible studies with multi-lingual translators for refugees in Dresden and Chemnitz.
- Built relationships/trust with refugees that enabled the sharing of God's Word.
- Visited refugees in hospital.
- Transported refugees to Divine Worship services (Gottesdienst), Catechism (Taufunterricht), medical treatment and more.
- Assisted refugees in finding suitable housing.
- Relocated refugees upon transfers to alternate housing.
- Assisted refugees in government, medical and bank appointments to facilitate language understanding.
- Developed and maintained relationships with key SELK St. Petri congregation leaders.
- Procured hundreds of Bible and Christian instructional materials.
- Obtained altar paraments from Grace Lutheran Church (Clarksville, TN) for the refugee church service in Chemnitz.
- Obtained B1.1 German language proficiency.
- Sent monthly mission email updates or newsletter to over 500 recipients.
- LCMS Theological Conference attendee – Damnamus, Wittenberg, May 19
- LCMS Eurasia Regional Missionary Conference participant, Vilnius, Lithuania, Aug 18
- SELK Kirchentag Conference participant, Erfurt, Germany, May 18



Gottesdienst Abendmahl, St Petri, Dresden

We are blessed to have over 230 financial supporters and thousands that are praying for us. **Thank you.** Let us briefly highlight a new supporter to our mission: COL(Ret) Fritz Callies (below) from Mauston, Wisconsin. He read the article about the Dresden/Chemnitz mission in the **Lutheran Engage** magazine and took action. Fritz typifies our supporters...he saw a need to grow the kingdom of God and acted. **Again, thank you Fritz, thank you everyone.**

Prayers:

- For the safety of our refugees that come long distances to worship our Lord in peace.
- That God will bring each refugee to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- That God continues to bless our service in the field.

“who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,” 2 Timothy 1:9 ESV

Blessings, *Carl & Karen Cecil*



Moving Iranian couple to new home in Dresden



Reformation Altar, St Marienkirche, Wittenberg



Dining with refugees, Persian Style



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COL(Ret) Fritz Callies



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