



Our new place of worship in Chemnitz

CHANGE TO HOME SERVICE PLANS

We have all been affected by the global pandemic this year. Thanks be to God that we can trust in Him and know He holds everything in His hands. I had hoped to travel back to the United States for home service this fall and had already made plans with several churches.

Unfortunately, my home service will need to be postponed. If you had not yet heard from me, it is because I already put planning on hold back in March when things started to become uncertain. Whether we had a date scheduled or not, I would love to stay connected until I can visit in person. Send me an email if you would like to set up a virtual visit with your congregation!

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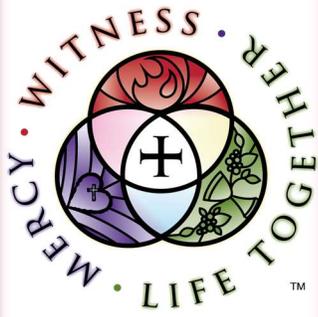
New Outreach Center in Chemnitz



Missionary Pastor Hugo Gevers and I in front of our new outreach center in Chemnitz

Several years ago, when some of our Persian congregants in Leipzig were moved to refugee facilities near Chemnitz, Pastor Gevers began a worship service there in Farsi to keep them connected to the church. Since our partner church has no congregation in Chemnitz, the SELK congregation in Dresden took on Chemnitz as a preaching station. Pastor Gevers and Pastor Dittmer from Dresden began taking turns leading the service there on Sunday afternoons, using the sanctuary of another church. Over the years, this group has grown and developed the desire to be more active, which is difficult without their own space. Some of the church members found a storefront for rent that we are now setting up for our group in Chemnitz. We have also connected with a church just down the street that was more than happy to allow us to worship in their sanctuary. We are very excited to have our own place, as well as a new worship space so close together and more centrally located in Chemnitz! Soon Pastor Gevers and I will travel to Chemnitz more regularly to open up the center for assistance and support for refugees, help with learning German, music lessons and groups, Bible study and Baptism classes. This will be very similar to what we offer in Leipzig each week. ***We pray it will offer all our people in Chemnitz the opportunity to grow in their faith, as well as allow us to connect even more people to the Gospel so they can find their ultimate refuge in Christ.***

Carrying on amidst Corona



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Refugees struggling with various issues, including addiction and depression
- Those who have been slow to return to church since reopening, whether due to fear or other reasons

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- God keeping us safe and healthy in Leipzig and allowing us to carry on with ministry
- The ability to connect to more people through livestreaming

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- Showing His provision and care through each of you who faithfully support me with your prayers, encouragement and gifts!



My set up for worship, leading music while running slides and the livestream

After 5 weeks of having to worship online only, we were able to resume worship services in person at our church. At first, the numbers were limited so we started livestreaming for those who were unable to come. Slowly the number limits have gone up and more of our people have returned. We are continuing to livestream since we realized that it allowed members who had moved away to worship with us, as well as other Farsi speakers in various places. It has taken some time to learn and improve on the livestream, but it seems to be going well and be appreciated.

Our other activities have been slower to resume since our space in the outreach center "Die Brücke" is small

and many of our activities involve serving coffee and food. Once we cleaned the center and set up for social distancing, we reopened for Bible study and Baptism class in Farsi first. Since then, we have also resumed singing and music lessons, as well as our refugee art group and German language help. The German youth club is meeting again now, too, and we hope to resume our children's group and homework help when school starts back up.

We are thankful God has been with us through all the recent challenges and allowed us to continue sharing His Word despite them.

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now.
Philippians 1:3-5 (ESV)

- Deaconess Kim



Thankful we can open the door to Die Brücke again!

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