

Germany Trip Report

- May 6, 2017 to May 15, 2017
- 7 saints (2 sisters and 5 brothers) from churches in Rohnert Park, Burlingame, Lebanon and San Francisco visited 4 churches - Frankfurt, Stuttgart, Dusseldorf and Berlin

Summary of the General Burden

- This is **a pivotal moment** for the Lord's Recovery in Europe.
- The Lord's Recovery needs to **take root in Europe**.
- Likely what we do in Germany in the next few years will **lay a foundation** for the Lord's move in Europe for decades to come.
- We need to pray for the **leading brothers and the co-workers**, both those who are on-the-ground in Germany, and those co-workers and leading brothers who are leading churches supporting Germany around the globe, to **have the proper vision, wisdom, endurance and commitment** on what to do.
- The situation with the refugees are complex (Farsi-speaking and Arabic-speaking) and might impact the native German positively and negatively. The **window might be closing** to gain the refugees for the Lord's interest.
- The urgent needs to provide **experienced and committed saints** as resources to be shepherds, fisherman and logistical supporting ones.
- The urgent need of **suitable meeting halls and nearby supporting residential housing**.
- **To continue shepherding the native German saints** to practice the church life in the God ordained way.

Moving Forward:

1. As a testimony

- a. The churches are endeavoring to **conduct the church meetings in German** in order to preserve the local testimony
- b. The group meetings and home meetings which are primarily for shepherding and perfecting are conducted in languages according to the needs of those attending the meeting.

2. Language Skill

- a. All the migrating saints should **learn German** to be able to communicate with native German saints.
- b. All the saints who intend to stay in Germany for long term who would like to share the Biblical Truth and edifying in life should learn German in order to prophesize on the Lord's Day.
- c. All the saints who intend to take responsibilities in the church life in Germany if the Lord so lead, should learn German in order to fellowship among leading ones.

3. (Go by giving) Meeting Hall, Training Center and Migration Entry City

- a. **Dusseldorf**: the future center for short term and weekend training and migration entry city, needs to solidify the current meeting facility (from rental to own) and acquire the adjacent apartments (11 units) to support its unique functions. The current property owner intends to sell the two buildings (meeting hall and the apartment building). (Est. Euro 3.2M for 2 buildings, **possibly approximately Euro \$200k per apartment unit**).
- b. **Stuttgart**: the original rental space has been sold. The meeting is now held in a temporary facility, in an "underground emergency shelter" with poor air quality which needs to be vacated by June of 2017.
- c. **Berlin**: the current rental space is in a low-end commercial / industrial neighborhood and is now overcrowded to meet the need of about 100 saints meeting on Lord's Day.
- d. **Frankfurt**: the current meeting hall (with capacity of around 90) needs remodeling from a restaurant layout to accommodate future growth.
- e. **Properties in Germany moves very fast**. The real estate buying/selling structure differs from the U.S. Besides the sales price of the property, sales tax, the buyer pays the sales commission, VAT tax, escrow fees etc. which amounts to 15% to 19% additional to the property sales price.
- f. **Needs of apartments** for rent to the saints who are refugees to enable them to stay in the city and be shepherded.
- g. **An apartment unit directly across the street from the university entrance is most ideal to serve the college students.**

4. **(Go by going) Manpower:**

- a. **Frankfurt:** in **urgent need** for additional **full-time serving ones**, for both campus labor and new believers shepherding. Will be drastically shorthanded after July when the shepherding teams depart.
- b. **Dusseldorf:** in **urgent need** of coordinating saints to support all the logistics of the church life (Levitical supports), campus labor and new believers shepherding. A few nearby cities (Bonn and others) can become local churches within a short time with proper laboring and prayer.
- c. **Stuttgart:** in desperate needs for **German speaking (as priority)** serving saints for both campus labor and shepherding, for **testimony** and for fellowshiping with the native German saints.
- d. **Berlin:** needs committed full-timers with **German speaking serving saints** for shepherding 40 to 50 local German native saints, newly baptized saints and for campus labor. **Needs saints with leadership coordinating skill** to serve among responsible ones and full-time serving ones.
- e. **Needs migrating saints who will not become one who needs shepherding.**
- f. **Overseers** involve in many different needs.
- g. **Working saints** are occupied from morning until evening, have limited capacity to serve.
- h. Needs **experienced shepherds who are shepherds** before migration and willing to consistently labor to endure different needs.
- i. Needs **experienced campus workers who are productive** in gaining and shepherding new college students before migration.

GENERAL STATISTICS:

	Frankfurt	Stuttgart	Dusseldorf	Berlin
Total Average Number of Saints Meeting Once a Month on a Lord's Day	90	60 to 70	100	65 to 100
Number of German Speaking Saints (non-students)	3	24	35	60
Number of non-German speaking saints (non-students)	20	18	65	15
Number of German students	1	11	0 **	11
Number of German New Ones who are Students Meeting Once a Month	27	18	0 **	30
Number of non-German student saints	9	4	0 **	8
Total number of Refugees who were Baptized	150	87	200	25
Number of Refugees attending at least one meeting a month	60-70	20	50-70	29
Number of Full-timers	2.5	3	9	13

** Not including nearby city such as Bonn.