

The Byers Family

Church Planting in Europe

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Preaching Jesus Christ to the people of Germany



A few weeks ago I talked with a Muslim man who lives in our church building and I have known for some time. I had not seen him for a long while, but he came by to talk after church. His German had improved drastically and for the first time; I was able to communicate the Gospel to him. He admitted that his soul's destination would certainly be the lake of fire so I told him that Allah and Mohammed could not help him, but only Jesus Christ could save him from his sin. He hadn't eaten well in many days; something had plagued his mind and made him very sick. He began to tremble as I looked into his eyes and tell him how much God loves him and wants to save him. Sadly, he went away lost.

Months ago, another man came to me with a desire to share the gospel with Iranian refugees. He was saved while in Iran, and received Bible training in Greece. While scripturally unqualified to be a pastor, he is a very effective soul winner and Bible teacher and has brought many people to church and translated for me as I preach to the Persian people on Sundays. Lord has allowed me to win many Persians to the Lord as well! Considering the Muslim background and lack of Bible knowledge; I felt it was necessary to hold classes on baptism for three weeks before we baptized these new converts. On July 17th, thirty three Iranians followed the Lord in believer's baptism! Hallelujah! I hope the Lord will send a qualified Farsi speaking pastor for these people! It was sad that none of our German speaking church members stayed to observe the baptisms that Sunday.

We spent last month in Denmark to help Bella with her Asthma. The very night we returned to our home, she suffered another

asthma attack. A few nights ago, she nearly went to the hospital again but thankfully the steroid medication was able to get her through the night. Our house causes Bella, me, and Noah breathing difficulty and is not safe for our health; therefore, we have decided we must move out. Please pray for the Lord's guidance as we consider his perfect will. By the way, while we were in Denmark, our six year old Elijah came to me and said he "got saved!" I asked why he needed to be saved, and he told me he was a sinner. I asked him how he could be saved and he explained how Jesus died for his sins, and he asked Jesus to save him. As it turns out, 8 year old Noah had been concerned for his little brother and led him to Christ! Last Sunday, when 33 Persians were baptized, Elijah was the last one to stir the waters; what a wonderful Saviour!

With over seventy Iranians in attendance in church, and thirty three of them being baptized; on the other side of a four inch wall, were over one hundred fifty Muslim refugees who call on the name of Allah. Jesus loves each one of these young men, but the likelihood that some of them hate Christians is very real. Our God is greater and so we ask you to pray! Last week, an Iranian young man opened fire on innocent bystanders in Munich, Germany. Last night, just 8 miles from our home in the town of Ansbach, a Syrian Muslim refugee blew himself up while injuring 12 people. Never in my life have I personally experienced demonic attack like I have in recent days. Most of you wouldn't believe even if I told you about the things we have witnessed. We plead with you to pray for our family. It is our sincere belief and hope that the rapture will come at any moment!
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