



YOUR MISSIONARIES  
**THE RICHARDS**  
TO GERMANY



DEAR HILLCREST BAPTIST CHURCH,

**COVID-19 IN EUROPE**— As most of you are experiencing as well, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a lot of disruption here in Europe. Southern European countries like France, Italy, and Spain were hardest hit. Germany did not have as many deaths because of early and strict isolation measures. One part of these measures was to shut down all public gatherings.

When first announced, people could still meet outdoors, so this became the first time we held a service in the middle of an empty road. The Lord blessed us with beautiful weather and a great Spirit, but the next day the authorities made it clear that even meeting like this was prohibited. Since then we have moved our services online. By the grace of God, I was able to put daily devotions and the Sunday morning and evening services & Wednesday services online. It all went well, and our people really responded to these messages and found comfort in them during these difficult times.

**SOULWINNING CONTINUES**— People dying without Christ has been a major theme of the daily devotions, and as a result our church members are coming under conviction to be better soul winners. A lady in the church was able to lead a policeman to the Lord. Another young man was able to lead his wife and mother-in-law to the Lord. God used their fear to show them why they need Christ in their lives. This has been a great blessing, joy, and encouragement to our congregation to keep witnessing.

**RETURNING TO SERVICE**— Fortunately by the time you receive this letter we will be able to resume our regular church services each week, and thanks to the Lord, we are returning on a high note. In addition to the souls saved during this pandemic, one man who desired to be baptized will be able to do so at our first service back. Praise the Lord.

PRAYER REQUEST –

More Independent Baptist Churches in Germany  
More to be saved and baptized

Faithfulness in the Last Days (*Hebrews 10:25*)  
The Church in Ingolstadt

My mother's health as she is currently in ICU

That my son-in-law Jeremy Randle will be able to raise his support quickly as Europe needs fundamental Baptist missionaries who are church planters

In Christ,  
Bill Richards

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*"I bare you on eagles' wings" – Exodus 19:4*