

Germany

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How can I, except some man should guide me? Acts 8:31

Dear Pastor and Church,

Faithfulness - 65th Anniversary and Mission's Conference of Home Church



65 years ago, the Lord called Pastor Bob Stewart to start Hillcrest Baptist Church in El Paso, Texas. Pastor Stewart knocked on doors and told anyone who would listen about the Lord our savior. He was a great man of God who always believed in sharing the gospel. The first service was held on February 12th, 1956 and the Lord later called him home on February 12th, 2017. February 12th holds a special place in my heart because of this. I was asked by my home church pastor, Pastor Joe Dickenson, to preach at Hillcrest Baptist Church's 65th anniversary in combination with their mission's conference. I preached both the Sunday morning and evening services on February 14th, 2021. What a tremendous privilege this was. My parents were both saved at Hillcrest Baptist Church through door-to-door soulwinning. Praise the Lord that the church is still winning souls and reaching El Paso for Christ. Not only are they reaching the people of El Paso for Christ, but Hillcrest Baptist Church has also always been a very mission's minded church and God has truly blessed them for this. I am honored to have a home church that supports so many missionaries globally and that is true to the teaching of the Word of God.



Ladies and Men's Brunch – Outreach Events

We held several outreach events in the past two months; however, the two that were most encouraging to me and the members of the church were the men's and ladies brunch events. The women of the church had a wonderful time of fellowship and spiritual strengthening during their brunch. The men's brunch focused on the biblical principles of fasting. For some of the younger members, fasting is a new concept, so I wanted to make sure that the men had time to learn more about fasting and its importance.

Second Generation Missionary

Planting Churches in Germany Since 2000 - First Furlough

I have been on the field in Germany since 2000. After working under my father, Missionary Bill Richards, for 6 years in Metzingen, I planted my first work in Ingolstadt Germany in 2006. Although I have been a missionary for over 20 years, I have never been able to take a furlough as I have not had anyone who could look over the work here in Germany during my absence. Now that Missionary Fernando Padilla is working with me here in Ingolstadt, I am able to take my very first furlough as he will be able to look over the work while I am reporting to churches. The current plan is for me to be on furlough between October, 2021 through May 2022. I am currently in the process of scheduling preaching engagements for this time period. If you would like to have me in for one of your services in order to preach and report on the work here in Germany, please send me an email (seth4germany@gmail.com) as I would like to start making travel plans sooner than later. Of course, given the current global COVID situation, I might have to postpone my furlough plans until a later time; however, until I know that travel is not possible during these times, I would like to start scheduling meetings in case things re-open next fall and spring. On that note, if anyone has an idea about a vehicle, I could use during my furlough time, then please also let me know as this is one of my prayer requests. Please also pray for much wisdom and protection regarding my furlough plans. Thank you.

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