



The Radank Family

Missionaries to the German speaking people

Sending Church: Temple Baptist Church

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Dear Praying Partners,

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“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.” 2 Peter 3:18

Growth is vital for the sustainability of the church. But what does this really mean? Some would argue that growth is a number - growth in members, attendance, events, and programs. True growth, though, is not in numbers. The strength of the church is not in numbers, but faithfulness, which is all that God requires from us (**I. Corinthians 4:2 – “Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.”**).

GROWING THROUGH TRANSITION

When the church in Neutraubling was started, God provided it with two pastors - myself and Todd Lapato. For four and a half years we have worked together, and God has blessed. In July, we said goodbye to the Lapato Family, as they moved on to another ministry about two hours from us. Please pray for them in their new ministry, but especially for the work here in Neutraubling. Most of the church had grown accustomed to our family and the Lapato family planning, organizing and working most of the activities in the church.

We are praying that many families will grow in grace by taking responsibility for the church and not rely solely on Kelly and me for everything.

POTENTIAL GROWTH IN MINISTRIES

Last year we had our first Vacation Bible School and we saw several visitors attend. This year, we have had to change some things in our schedule due to the lack of workers. We originally thought that we would not be able to have the VBS this year. One of our members, Patrick, suggested a Kid’s Day, and he said he would organize everything! This is such a blessing for Kelly and I, seeing church members understand the need to step up and take responsibility. We are thankful for Patrick and his willingness to be the point man. **Please be in earnest prayer for our Kid’s Day on August 31.**

GROWING INTERNATIONALLY

Our international element in the church has been growing in recent days. The major city of Regensburg and its suburb, Neutraubling, hosts numerous people from diverse nationalities. Many of them include English speakers. We have seen English speaking visitors from the Philippines and India, and this increases our English speaking presence, since we

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already have Americans and Malaysians who have been attending regularly. Of course, we continue all of our services in German, because most of our visitors can speak and understand it.

SUMMER BREAK

As we scroll through social media, we see many of our friends and family post back-to-school pictures. For our kids here in Germany, though, they have just started their summer break. They return during the second week of September. We are proud of both Jackson and Grant, who had good marks on their reports cards!

SUMMER CAMP

Last summer, Jackson attended camp near the Czech border. The camp is organized by several independent Baptist churches. What makes this camp special is that all the counselors are members of the respective churches. Jackson had a great time getting to know new friends and learning many things from God's Word.

SUMMERTIME = NO VACATION

I received a phone call from a woman who said she found our church's website. When she told me that she wanted to visit our church during a Sunday service, she was shocked that we were having services during the summer.

I was puzzled why she was shocked. She explained that she had called a few other churches in the area and she was told that they were not having services because they were taking a summer break. I am glad that "church" does not shut down during the summer months. This woman has been coming and has shown a great interest in growing in the Lord. ***Please pray for her!***

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Thank you for your financial and prayer support, which helps us serve in Germany! We are truly honored to be your representatives in this wonderful country. Please share with us your stories of what God is doing. ***You can email or write to us using the addresses that are given.***

