

A Broken City

Fall 2018

Dear Shanna,

Greetings from Berlin!

We recently had a wonderful gathering in our home with 9 refugee friends along with some other local and visiting friends. It was so encouraging to hear story after story of how Jesus has transformed lives. *This is not without a cost though*. Many Muslim-background followers of Jesus must suffer greatly as a result of their new allegiance to Jesus - physical attacks happen and spiritual attacks are common. It was heart-breaking to hear how two of our friends have their wives and children in Berlin, but are now separated. After all they had gone through fleeing an oppressive regime or a war zone. After making an incredibly dangerous journey in which thousands have died, they are now trying to navigate a government system

that is often inflexible and must work on learning a difficult language. **After all of this...the family is now breaking apart**. In our city, Satan works overtime on destroying relationships and isolating people - we see it time and time again in all kinds of scenarios. This is the exact opposite of our Jesus who laid down His very life so that we could be reconciled. Please pray for our friends who need God to do a miracle in their family relationships. Please pray for the millions of Berliners and hundreds of millions of Europeans who live without a relationship to our loving Heavenly Father.

A German colleague alerted us to another alarming trend. A recent study showed that it is becoming increasingly unlikely that Muslim immigrants into Europe will have any kind of meaningful relationship with a follower of Jesus. So many come here with spiritual hunger and questions about Jesus and the Bible, but they have no one who will actually share the Gospel with them. Please pray that the small community of Jesus followers in Europe will recognize the spiritual hunger right before their eyes and boldly engage Muslims not only with loving deeds, but also with proclamation of the Gospel.

Would you please take three more minutes and catch up with the Millers?

A Summer on the Run

Summer 2018 was a bit of a whirlwind for our family:

- Reagan spent one month on a project in South Africa with 40 other
 missionary kids. It was a life changing experience in many ways as she
 interacted with many people including those suffering from the impact of
 HIV/AIDS and extreme poverty. Click here to see Reagan's report on the trip
 and some great pictures
- We were in the Turlock area for 12 days to see as many people as possible.
 (We are sorry if we did not connect with you our time was quite limited).
- Emma got her driver's permit!

- We were part of our organizations once every four year Worldwide
 Conference in North Carolina. It was so encouraging to be with about 750 other folks who are passionate about Jesus and engaged in making disciples all over the world.
- We continued to engage with young believers who are showing serious potential as leaders



It is challenging living 6000 miles away from family - we were so grateful for time spent with our folks/grandparents this Summer

Short Term Teams

This summer, we had two short-term teams with us through our connection with <u>e3</u>

<u>Partners</u> and a third from Groveland EFC. These teams had the opportunity to engage in significant ministry in Berlin - *sharing the Gospel, prayer walking*

the city, serving in a refugee home, praying to Jesus inside mosques and making contact with unreached peoples. We are so grateful when believers come to love on Berlin in the name of Jesus. We are currently scheduling teams for outreach next summer.



One of our e3 Partners teams

Accelerate Europe

We are part of a worldwide network of believers who want to see disciplemaking movements among all people groups. We are taking a stepped-up role in helping organize Accelerate in Europe. Our prayer is that we will see national leaders in each country of Europe who are passionate about raising up disciples, who make disciples, who make disciples – *the multiplication of disciples, leaders and churches*. Please pray for a gathering of leaders I am part of on November 12 & 13 in Budapest. Check out the <u>Accelerate Teams website</u> for more information and resources you can use where you live.



It was so good to see Flossie while we were in California. Since 1995, she has been our "Turlock Mom" and has faithfully prayed for and loved our family

Connections @ Connections

We have a ministry partner in Berlin called Connections Christian Resource Center. It is a Christian lending library and café run by our friends Larry and Teri Lewis. We've begun doing a once a week co-working day there with our team and other Christian workers in Berlin. We are finding this to be a life-giving time of not only getting our admin work done, but also connecting more deeply with others who are passionate about Jesus in Berlin and praying for our city. We thank God for this time and space!

Please Pray!

- There are some young leaders we are pouring into right now pray that they
 catch a vision for reproducing disciples, leaders and churches across this
 city and continent
- Pray for the Accelerate Europe leadership meeting we are organizing in Budapest - for encouragement and clarity as we seek God about His plans for Europe
- The girls have a school break coming up and we will be traveling for a week. Along the way we will visit two one-year discipleship schools that Reagan and Emma will consider for a "gap-year" as well as spend some time with our friends the Lufts and the Johnsons. Pray that we have good dialogue and connection as a family during this time and for God's leading for the older girls
- Please pray for our teammates Rob/Heather Hinton, Eric/Miriam Hesse, and Jutta Buchhop. We all face a variety of challenges in life and ministry.
 Pray also for two young families who are in the process of joining us longterm here

Where there is no prayer...there is no Gospel movement. Thank you for continuing to pray for our family, our city and Europe as a whole. You may not see the immediate fruit of your time in prayer, but we trust that God is working in it and we will one day know just how significant it was. Prayer not only precedes other ministry, it is ministry!

Viele Grüße, Brian and Trish Reagan, Emma and Morgan

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