

The Lord's Move in the German-speaking World

We thank the Lord for the way He has been moving in the German-speaking world. This includes Germany and significant portions of Switzerland and Austria. In 2015 there were approximately 340 saints with churches in six cities; presently there are close to 850 saints with churches in eleven cities. We thank the Lord for this growth. About half of this increase is from migration, and the other half of the increase came from new ones added as a result of the Lord's blessing on the labor with the refugees and also among the local German community. In addition to the eleven churches, there are small groups of saints meeting in at least 20 additional cities. These groups of saints present a great opportunity for the Lord to spread His testimony by establishing more lampstands. Our burden is to continue to shepherd the saints for the increase of Christ within them so that He can spread from city to city.

In 2020 the Lord established churches in Hamburg and Bielefeld, and presently the Lord is organically burdening saints to move to Tübingen and Aachen. There is much prayer that the Lord will soon establish churches there. There is also a burden among the saints for churches to soon be established in Zurich, Switzerland, and in Vienna, Austria.

One key area of our labor is the work among the Farsi-speaking refugees. This work began in 2017 and presently there are close to 125 Farsi-speaking saints meeting with the churches. We are endeavoring to perfect and build up this fruit to become normal functioning members of the Body of Christ. To accomplish this, we had our first of six weekend trainings on October 4, with about 50 Farsi-speaking new ones. This training was on a series of lessons titled *A Healthy Walk with God*.

Another key aspect of our labor is the work among the university students. In the book *The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move*, Brother Lee pointed out the importance of having teams of saints, including a couple, living near major universities. By following this fellowship, there are presently teams of saints praying and fellowshipping daily near campuses in at least five cities. This type of prayer and fellowship is how the Lord was able to have a revival in Chefoo almost 80 years ago. We pray that the Lord will pour out His blessing as He did at that time. Presently there are over 100 native German-speaking students or young adults of student-age who are being shepherded by these teams. Also included in this number are some being shepherded in smaller localities without teams where the saints are very burdened for university students. About forty percent of these students are now solidly in the church life. Many of these students were gained through Bible distributions on the campuses. We pray that they will eventually become pillars in the Lord's recovery. Especially important is the fact that some of their parents are open to the Lord's move in His recovery and are coming into the church life.

One important event we had this fall was a 15-day church history trip that approximately 45 students and serving ones participated in. Twelve of the participants were German students. At the end of the trip, the students testified that they were impressed by two matters in particular: 1) by the benefits we received from the Lord's servants upon whose shoulders we stand, and 2) that the goal of the Lord's recovery is the oneness. These realizations are a key revelation for the next generation to see.

To support the burden for growth within the saints, and subsequently the spread among the churches, the Lord has given us a marvelous conference facility called Gut Elim. This is a

beautiful and historic site that can be used for blending, training, conferences, and retreats. It is centrally located on 25 wooded acres in the German State of Hessen. It was acquired in 2017 and since early 2018 has been under renovation. At present the renovation project is more than 85% complete. After the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions are lifted, the facility will be operational with nearly 140 beds, two large meeting areas able to seat more than 300, and professional kitchen and catering facilities. What truly enhances the use of the facility for blending and shepherding of the saints is the historic Manor House at its center. This house has ten guest room suites, a large sitting area, a corporate dining area, a library, and a fellowship and blending room. Finally, when all the renovation is fully completed, there will be 200 beds available at Gut Elim, as well as a camping area with water and electric hookups, showers, and laundry area.

To date, Gut Elim has hosted more than 25 gatherings of the saints and churches in Germany. The facilities have been used to host groups of young people, university students, small groups, leading brothers, families, and many other gatherings of the saints. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless the use of this facility to strengthen His move in the German-speaking world.