

October 2013

Dear Pastor and friends,

Baptisms

It is simply the greatest delight to witness the light come on in a person's eyes as they discover a relationship with Jesus Christ. On Oct 6th we baptized again - 6 people followed in believer's baptism. In that Lutheran and Catholic churches practice baby baptism - we emphasize believer's baptism. It is something are membership celebrates - clapping wildly when a believer emerges from the waters.

Johannes was baptized by Christof, our worship leader and his discipler/mentor - a close personal bond between the two has emerged as Johannes is engaged and preparing for marriage in 2014. Johannes is also emerging as a driving force for a teen movement and ministry that is growing in our membership.

Expanding leadership

One of the three main goals of a church planter is to establish self-government in a congregation. Spending time with men who will rise to the level of leadership has been once again reemphasized through the recent physical challenges. Our time is short and we have a little window of opportunity, so we are constantly seeking faithful men to help rise to the next level.

Kevin and Daniel have been recruited and we meet together weekly for a time in the word and general character development. This is so encouraging to see men consider the challenge of rising to a role of responsibility. Passionate leaders are the future of a healthy church. They join Matt and Ingo in our leadership team.

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Pray for the development of this new work as they begin their first public services this month. It is exciting to watch what God is doing in Felix, his family and this young team. Their is no other evangelical church in this area, so the need is great.

Yours, in His service,

Keith and Debbie Gandy