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Dear Pastor and friends,

Coaching Alex Isaak

Some 6 years ago I was asked to speak to a German Bible School graduating class for an entire week about church planting. Last month one of those students asked me to coach him and his team as they plant a church in our city of Aschaffenburg. What a joy it is to spend time developing leadership to impact our city. We need a dozen more churches in order to gain further traction in our community.

Interestingly, Alex loves God's Word. Our second session developed the pastoral heart and scripture. This young man reads through the word multiple times per year. He also has already committed 5 books of the New Testament to memory. His goal is to memorize the entire New Testament. With such a love for the Word, Alex will be greatly used.

Patrice

One of the difficulties in Europe is to find a coach that has already been where you want to go. A French pastor, who was called into the ministry as a businessman while in the US, has a driven entrepreneurial spirit and has already taken a church from an average of 45 people to over 120 in average attendance. They have acquired a building and begin renovations.

His difficulty has been to find someone that experientially understands the special challenges in Europe. Last fall we met and our hearts were immediately drawn to one another. In March Debbie and I spent a week with him and his family - meeting his lovely people, praying together, discussing ministry strategies. We invest wisely when we encourage those that are making great sacrifices and enjoying great success. Everyone can use encouragement.

Baptism

In March we baptized again - 3 adults followed in baptism. April 6 we baptize yet again. It is thrilling to see people move forward in their obedience to the Lord. Last fall I performed the wedding ceremony of one of those baptized, Thomas, and it was his wife who encouraged him to move forward with the Lord. Additionally, Thomas has begun leading worship as an accomplished musician and leader.

Yours, in His service,

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