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Dear Pastor and friends,

The birth of a dream

In 1976 Jesus had my full attention and an intense desire to minister in Germany was birthed. Immediately I began training in order to become an effective church planter in a land of tradition. That has been my only desire and dream for almost four decades.

Doing my due-diligence before departing, missionaries in Europe were having a tough time making a breakthrough. A large church (planted by an American) averaged 35 in attendance. While it was never stated in so many words, it seemed to be the general consensus that it is a marathon, not a sprint.

Going out on a limb, it seemed somewhat dilusional to set a goal to have been instrumental in planting 10 churches. Even over the first 25 years it has never waned, but not necessarily been a goal that I have proudly shared publically - not wanting others to have me committed institutionally.

New church plant in Poland: Marek Steyer

In April I received a phone call from Poland. A man that we led to Christ 20 years ago was forced by the German government to return home. He contacted me five years ago and had me come to Poland and challenge / inspire / train others for church planting. Now five years later he has gathered five families and they launch this summer!

This makes the eighth church that to spring out of this ministry. What has been the difference? I guarantee you that it is no special talent that I possess. The key? Tenure and tenacity. Not quitting. I keep stating - I am simply too stupid to quit and that has made all the difference.

Thank you for not quitting in working in tough places. It is often a huge temptation to reposition to "fruitful" places. Tenure and tenacity is what makes the difference and bears fruit. It goes to your account.

On behalf of believers all across Europe - your investment continues to make an impact.

Yours, in His service,

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