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Dear Pastor and friends,

Baptisms

Summer months are a welcome change in Germany - a stark contrast to the dark cold months of fall and winter. Additionally, the warmth allows for baptisms outdoors. In July we will baptize again. This time we have ten registered for baptism in the River flowing past Aschaffenburg. If memory serves me correct, this is a record for a single baptism date in our church. How thrilling it is to baptize outdoors.

Retooling

From time to time we reassess our effectiveness in major ministry efforts and adjust accordingly. Those in ministry know that there is often pushback to change in status quo. We are now ready to begin implementing restructuring of discipleship, house study, evangelism, volunteer and assimilation systems.

This will include considerable financial investment. At the same time, we are looking to pay all expenses from the church membership. A step of faith and financial involvement that is sacrificial is a sign of spiritual health. While we do count the numerical attendance, that is not the main goal of any church - size over spiritual health is a choice for dysfunction and long-term problems.

Surgery

After consulting with the surgeon, an operation to correct degenerative arthritis has been scheduled for July 4th. The left shoulder socket has been restricted in movement and painful. Hopefully this will be the solution - otherwise a shoulder replacement will be the result in 2015.

The bright side to this is a solid staff that makes this possible - we do not have to scramble at church - ministry continues.

I love what long term commitment has brought. Thank you for partnering to make it possible.

Yours, in His service,

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