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Dear Pastor and friends,



Theo: Germany has a fabulous medical care system, in my opinion. One of my doctors recently sent me for two weeks to a clinic for specialty skin treatments. During the stay at one particular mealtime I asked permission to join a man for breakfast. I proceeded to pray before beginning my meal. On the next day a deeper conversation ensued and Theo stated: "I pegged you as a pastor, the moment I saw you pray over your meal." Normally, I am used to that being the end of any possible relationship, so spiritually

dark and secular is our present culture. In his case, quite a deep relationship ensued, with him following my Sunday sermons via internet video archive. Subsequently he shared the video with a number of his family and friends.

On multiple occasions I had the opportunity to pray with him and others during my two week stay in August. The apostle Paul stated, we are comforted in our struggles (2. Cor. 1) in order that we might comfort others. I took it that God sent me through life's circumstances to be a comfort and positive blessing in the lives of fellow patients.

Believer's Baptism: Once again this year, we baptize new converts. On October 15th we will be baptizing. At this point, nine are already scheduled for this next step of faith. We are so blessed to see God move in their lives. We ask all participants to attend a two session course on the meaning of baptism (reemphasizing a grace relationship with Christ), then ask them to sit for a video testimony explaining their decision and subsequent life change. Post baptism we follow up with "next steps training." This is the joy of discipleship with new converts.



Looking back, it was a number of years before we even held our first baptism, now we baptize multiple times each year with multiple candidates each time. Our next baptism is already scheduled for Dec. 3rd, when another man has requested baptism.

Yours, in His service,

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