



What a faithful God we have!

Thank you for your continued prayer for us during this year of voluntary work – primarily helping the new ECM workers in Rostock, and encouraging others in Schwerin and Freiburg.

Victor will have one more visit to **Rostock and Schwerin** in Oct and another to **Villingen and Karlsruhe** in southern Germany in Nov.

It has been good to ease out in this way and we praise the Lord that the work will continue in both areas – though we would love to see additional workers in Freiburg.

We are thankful that the Lord is bringing other **opportunities** along, including more involvement with the evangelism team in Lisburn Baptist. We will not be redundant but just having a more varied ministry with less responsibility!

Yours in our Wonderful Lord,

Victor & Marie.

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News and Prayer Information from Victor & Marie Watson

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Today reminds us of the public annual holiday when we lived in Austria and Germany. It's "Christi Himmelfahrt" – when the Ascension of Christ is celebrated.

And He said, "I will come again". You and I can look forward with great anticipation to that future day, when He comes or calls. But many cannot.

I was reminded about that while coming home from Southwest Germany recently. On the coach from Dublin airport I was sitting beside a young person from Mauritius. She was brought up a Hindu, and although has been in Ireland for 7 years (doing social studies), she found it strange that no one had ever shared their Christian faith with her. This young lady listened intently about Jesus but was disappointed that I didn't have any booklets to give her on the subject. Then I remembered the DVD "Damascus" on Saul's conversion, which Walter had given me that morning. She gladly accepted it. Do pray for her.



Marie and I are getting used to what's called "retirement", but we are both pretty much on the go! Each day and week is different: There are grandchildren to be collected from school, babysitting, visits abroad, but also more involvement in our home church.



We both were able to visit George and family for 2½ weeks in China. That was a lovely treat from them and a special experience – seeing how they live, going to Kyle and Kody's Kindergartens and listening to them speak Chinese – but neither of us would want to live there! Their church (which is a new church plant two years ago for foreigners) meets in an hotel with 600 in attendance. Unfortunately no Chinese are allowed in – passports are checked!

It was great to spend a long weekend last month in Vienna with Karin, Lutz, Zara and Lukas. Zara begins school this year! It was lovely to have time with them and see their Kindergartens as well. Both Karin and Lutz are much involved in the international church where we attended the service with them – and where I met a Chinese man who was there for the first time!

Early July, George has invited me to go with him on a week's holiday while Jazmyne and the boys are with her folk in England. We will visit his auntie, my sister Rachel, in Michigan during that time. It will be nice to see their children (whom I haven't met for years) and the new grandchildren. Marie is happy to stay at home as she feels she has travelled enough for this year!

I am still quite busy in a voluntary capacity with ECM this year. So far we are grateful for support via the mission which has helped supplement our pension and pay for travel expenses, etc. As always we experience God's wonderful provision.

It was a very encouraging week in Southwest Germany with Vimal and Walter and their families. And I'm thankful for safe travel, including four 2-hour train journeys there.

How good though to see the refugee ministries going ahead and being blessed of the Lord. At a whole-day Tamil event in Karlsruhe, around 70 Tamils, mostly young asylum-seeker men in their 20's, were fed both physically and spiritually, as Vimal preached the Gospel.



With Walter I visited Donny again. He's the African refugee who now has asylum, a job and an apartment, but still waits for his wife. In the 14 years since he came, he has only seen her twice. She still needs to pass her German language test before being allowed into Germany and this may take months. Pray for them both. Donny is a lovely believer and God gives him much patience.

Later this month, on 16th, I fly out of Dublin for Berlin... rent a car, pick up a pastor, drive to Schwerin (for talks with ECM missionaries, the young Kooiman family, and Klaus Silber the pastor), visit the two missionary families in Rostock (Klaus Libuda's and Justin Sismey's), preach at the Sunday service, etc. Thank you for your prayers over that weekend.



Last week the door-to-door outreach began from our church in Lisburn. I'm more involved in things like that now. Some folk we met need prayer and we are concerned about how best to follow-up interested people.

There was a young family man, who was not brought up in church, didn't have a Bible, but a relative had been in a church in Spain for years. Then a young mother whose parents may be Christians, but she only believes in 'spirituality and the power of energy'. However, she listened well and accepted a Gospel of John.

You will have noticed the new format of our 'prayer letter'. Even though we are in a new phase of life and work, we hope to send you some news once or twice a year. And, we'd love to hear from you, too.

God bless,
Victor and Marie

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