



ePrayer - September 2016

It sounded like a muffled firecracker but soon the acrid smell of burning rubber and plastic wafted through our open bedroom window. You can imagine our surprise when, at 4:45am, we looked out our window and discovered a car parked below in our street engulfed in flames. Throughout this summer vandals have repeatedly set luxury cars on fire throughout the city. Within a half an hour after the fire was put out, the police arrived to investigate this act of arson. Within 30 more minutes a tow truck removed the car. And fifteen minutes later a street sweeper arrived and cleaned up the debris! By 6:00am life was back to normal with hardly a trace of our eventful night. Order and cleanliness, two German cultural values that we greatly appreciate!

Praise & Prayer

- * Praise for a refreshing and encouraging time with friends and colleagues at our annual mission conference. Praise for the good keynote speaker during the morning sessions.
- * Pray for the next evangelism outreach class beginning on September 8th at our church in Leipzig. This course will run every Thursday evening for the next 12 weeks. Pray for our pastor and for the team involved. Pray that those persons who have been invited by our church members would attend and come to faith in Christ.
- * Pray for German Christians (including members of our church) to grow in their confidence in God's Word by reading and studying the Bible for themselves and with others. Pray that they might have a confident reliance on the immense reality of His Presence.
- * Pray for our pastor and his wife who have been personally attacked by a former church member by means of an "open letter" on the church including a post on the Internet. Pray that this matter can be resolved, without damaging the faith of new believers and for the protection of our pastor, his family and the leadership of our church. Pray also for the continued need to add a spiritually mature member to the Elder board.
- * Pray for us as we prepare to return to the United States for our next "home ministry assignment".
- * Pray for the safety of our police and fire departments. People take them for granted until they are needed! Pray also that these acts of vandalism will end as they hinder the readiness response of our civil servants to more serious emergencies.

Did you know ... ?

... that eight cars, in separate incidents, were recently set on fire in one night in our city?