



## ePrayer - August 2016

I recently visited a special exhibit at the Military History Museum in Dresden. The exhibit "*Attention Spies: Spy Services in Germany from 1945 to 1956*" documents spy activities during the early Cold War years. While informative, it left me saddened. Mistrust and fear between countries and peoples continues to drive most of our actions and thoughts.

### Praise & Prayer

- \* Praise that our pastor and many elders were able to enjoy refreshing summer holidays. Praise that each has returned home safely. The public schools begin on August 8th. Please pray for the many children in our church as they return to school. Pray for their spiritual protection and a good start to their new academic year.
- \* Pray for our elders. We continue to experience positive "growth pains" in our church. Pray for unity of spirit as we consider whom to call to serve on the elder board.
- \* Pray for the team preparing the next evangelism outreach course that will begin on September 8th. Pray for spiritual unity and a growing anticipation of what God will do in and through each person serving on the team. Pray that God would send those persons of his choosing to attend the 12 week outreach event.
- \* Pray for Katherine on August 1 and 2 as she continues to serve as one of the English language examiners to Business Administration students at a local university. This will be the last round of exams until early next year. Pray that her presence would be a winsome witness to the students and that she would exercise discernment as she conducts these exams. Pray for continued opportunities for spiritual conversations with her co-examiner.
- \* Pray for us as we attend our sending mission's annual conference from August 8-13. We look forward to spending time with our colleagues serving across all of Europe. We have been asked to take part in discussions focused on the spiritual needs and soul care of our field missionaries. We, along with a few others, will work through a guided process together to determine how to shape new initiatives within our mission that will support the spiritual health of our missionaries. Pray for clarity of mind and purpose among each of us in this group and for effective long term missionary work in Europe among our colleagues.
- \* Pray for a young Christian woman staying in our home from August 5-11. She is a doctoral student doing research on Bach in Leipzig. She (and other students) have stayed in our home before. It is our desire to provide a safe, quiet place of reflection for these students as they pass through our home. Pray for the spiritual conversations that usually arise so that we might encourage her in her faith journey.

### Did you know ... ?

... that a German newspaper recently reported that Edward Snowden is a Russian spy?