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Next Month:

~Testimonies of how
God is changing
hearts.

~See what is going
on with our new
classes, from our
littlest to our
adults!!

~Pictures of our
renovations to
accommodate our new
arrivals and our
growing tots.

It seems we blinked, and 10 years have slipped by, but looking back, we can now see the fruit of our labor coming to fruition. In these past years, we have grown both in numbers and more importantly we have seen people who have come to know the Lord, have been discipled and are now making disciples. This is so encouraging to see how God is growing His church, and we give Him all the glory! Because we know for a fact that it is only God that could do what has been done.

What a blessing it is to see our church growing up. On the Lord's day as many as 10 or even as high as 17 different nations will fill this church. And if you could hear each week what we hear, of how God is providing, caring for, protecting, and changing lives, your heart would be overflowing with joy as does ours.

And it doesn't end on Sunday's! During the week, we have our mid-week Bible study. To see the eagerness of so many who want to know truth, not based on anything but the truth of God is so exciting for us. Plus, there are also small group discipleship classes taking place during the week as well.

We know the Lord has us here for His purpose and we want to fulfill it by always being available to what He wants to do in and through His church here in Dresden. There is so much more to do and so many more souls who need to hear the gospel. And we want you to be encouraged as well, because your prayers and financial sacrifice of giving is making a difference.



Sunday morning at IBC Dresden



Wednesday Night Bible Study



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New Mommies To Be

We would like to share some wonderful news! We have 3 young couples in our church who will be having babies.

And to also give you a short update on our children - 3yrs ago we did not have one baby or child in our church, and now the Lord has grown us to 9 children from the ages of 10 weeks up to 12 yrs. And by June, we will have 9 little ones under the age of 2.

We are in need of some toys, and baby things, so if you would like to help us out in this area, our babies and tiny tots would greatly appreciate it. Just contact us and we will be able to answer any questions.



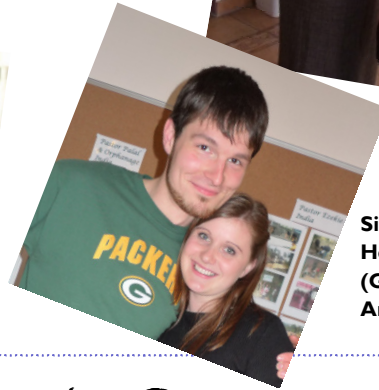
First Tri-mester



Simbasai & Uli
(Germany & Zimbabwe)



Deanne & Daniel- (Indonesia)



Simon & Heather
(Germany & America)

Getting Out Into the City



Bill is helping Ben to pass out flyers!



Bekka with her mommy cruising around handing out flyers!!



Elizabeth and Phyllicia putting flyers into student mail boxes on the college campus

We try to get out into our city on a regular basis to pass out flyers, do dramas, or just whatever the Lord opens up for us to converse with people. But we also don't want to miss another important factor and that is to teach our little ones from very young how important it is for everyone to hear about God. These times are always fun and we bring back many stories to tell how God allowed us to talk with someone.

Caring and Sharing

By baking and Sharing cookies

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Above: Anne-Kristin with her baby, June and also brought her friend Nancy of hers to help on Cookie Day flyers and tracts to be attached to the bags

During the holidays we get together as a church family and bake cookies to take to those whom we have been praying for and are trying to reach out to over the past year, our grocery clerk, or the bank teller, or even a lost roommate from college. This year we made over 2000 cookies and we have had several come from this gift of giving.



Above: Teju (from Africa) ready to take his cookies to his colleagues at work



There was more than just cooking, preparations for putting tracts and flyers also was a crucial part of our day



Jonathan and Sandra very glad to do whatever it took to help out!

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