

If you are receiving the OVERSEAS CHRISTIAN for the first time, you will know that recently we have received your name from the Christian Military Fellowship. We would like to invite you to share in the fellowship of people from Christian churches and churches of Christ in Europe. My wife, Thelma, and I would appreciate hearing from you. If you are in the Ramstein area or if you should be travelling this way, please, call us.

To all missionaries, chaplains and other service people: We hope to begin preparing the January edition right after the Midwinter Retreat. We would appreciate your news and greetings before January 10.

—Guy Magfield, Missionary

Chaplain USAF, Retired.
Mailing address: PSC Box 5963, APO 09012, or
Kreuzhof, 14A, 6792 Ramstein, West Germany.
Phone: Germany (06371) 57183.

Midwinter Retreat Reservation Form.

See pages 2 - 4

Please send this to: Herrn Arthur Thomas,
Gartenstr. 37/1, D-7400 Tuebingen,
West Germany. Phone (07071) 22230,
if possible, to reach him by December 15.

Brother Thomas: Please reserve a room and meals for me (us) for the Midwinter Retreat. I (we) hope to arrive by (car) (train and bus) on Tuesday, December 30 at about _____ (time). If you can not come on Tuesday, please tell when you expect to arrive. _____
() I am enclosing a \$10 deposit for myself or () I am enclosing a \$15 deposit for my family, which I understand can not be returned if I fail to come to the Retreat.

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OVERSEAS CHRISTIAN

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Psalms 139:9,10

CHRISTIAN CHURCHES AND CHURCHES OF CHRIST

Ramstein, West Germany November, 1986

MIDWINTER RETREAT



Frankfurt Christian Church, November 9, 1986
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Please send in your reservations for the Midwinter Retreat. See Pages 2,3,15 and 16.

MID WINTER RETREAT

December 30, 1986 to January 2, 1987
Jungenherberge Lochen - (Youth Hostel)
7460 Balingen, (Weilstetten), West Germany
Phone: (07433) 37483

Theme: Challenging Discipleship
Title: Whatever It Takes
Scripture: I and II Peter

Please plan to join:

other Christian military men and women
and their families, including
chaplains from Christian Churches and
Churches of Christ who are combining their
annual meeting with the Retreat,
Christian missionaries and their
families and other Christians who live in
Europe and European Christians

for these three days of Christian
fellowship, Praise to God, preaching and
workshops based on the above theme and
scripture.

The program begins with supper on
Tuesday evening and ends with breakfast on
Friday morning.

If you are willing to help with the
Retreat by leading singing, playing an
instrument, singing a solo, teaching a
children's class, directing children's
activities or recreation, or in any other
way, Dennis Messimer, Chairman of the
Committee would appreciate hearing from you.
His address is Motstraat 117, 3560 Perwinge,
Belgium. Phone (011) 426725.

Refreshments are needed! If you can do
so, please bring cookies, cakes, soft drink
mixes, chocolate mixes, and coffee for the
evening Fellowship Hours, and especially for
New Year's Eve.

How to get there.
Balingen is located 70 kilometers south
of Stuttgart through Tuebingen on Highway 27.
The Jungenherberge is on a mountain about 5
kilometers from Balingen. Trains run from
Stuttgart through Tuebingen to Balingen.
There is a bus that runs from the Balingen
station to the Jungenherberge, or one may
take a taxi from the station to the
Jungenherberge.

The cost of the Retreat for room and
board is 73 DM for each person for the entire
time.

Reservations are needed by December 15:
Will you please send the coupon round on
pages 15 and 16 to Arthur Thomas with a
deposit of \$10 for each single person and
\$15 for each family to Arthur Thomas,
Gartenstr. 37/1, 7400 Tuebingen, West
Germany. His phone is (07071) 22230. We are
sorry that this deposit can not be returned
since the Retreat must pay for reserved space
that is not used. These reservations are
needed by December 15. However if at this
time you do not believe that you can come and
at the last minute find that you can, come on
any way. You might phone Brother Thomas or
the hostel and let us know that you are on
the way. If a group in one area will send in
the reservations together with one check it
will save considerable bank charges

FRANKFURT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Dreierichstrasse, 10, Kelsterbach
Near the Frankfurt International Airport
Ray Rodley, Minister, Ringstrasse, 23
6092 Kelsterbach, Phone (06107) 1508

Sunday School	10,00
Morning Services	11,00
Evening Services	18,70
Wednesday Bible Study (Rodley home)	19,00

From the Rodleys:

Our work in Germany has centered around the Frankfurt Christian Church. Contacts are made from names received from the United States from the Christian Military Fellowship, from churches and from individuals who have information about people coming to Germany. Our work includes calling on those contacts, staying in touch with those unable to make the drive to Frankfurt weekly, and providing a range of programs including Sunday School, Sunday Morning and Evening services. There is also a Wednesday evening Bible study in our home. In addition we frequently provide meals and lodging for military, missionaries and visitors from the States.

Special gatherings during the year provide extra times of fellowship for those who do not have the opportunity to meet with fellow Christians often. These gatherings include monthly fellowship meals following the morning services, Thanksgiving dinner, Christmas Eve services and occasional get togethers for games and snacks.

There are several families at Frankfurt who have been helping with Sunday School classes and other areas where needed. Teachers include Jim and Carol Walton,

Rick and Linda Banaya, Alan Roy, Susan Jones, and Diane Casey. Sue Pike provides piano accompaniment to the Sunday morning services. Teens who help with the children during the preaching service include Ricquel Banaya, Wendy Roy, and Jim Casey.

There are several new families in the congregation who have expressed an interest in working in the program of the church and their talents will be put to use as the congregation continues to grow.

We came to the Frankfurt Christian Church in March 1979. Raymond is a graduate of the Cincinnati Bible College. He was involved in a new church work in northwest Ohio and he also served as an interim minister and youth worker in that area before coming to Germany. Barbara is a graduate of Miami University (Ohio) and is an elementary teacher. We met while we were working with TCM in Austria where we both served as interns and short term workers. Our son, Bradley, is 7 years old.

Barbara is employed by the Department of Defense Dependent Schools as a first grade teacher in Frankfurt. Bradley attends the school in Frankfurt and Raymond has been active in the parent organization there the past two years.

We would like to express our gratitude to Jerry Schmid for all he has done to help the church. We term him our one permanent member and he has been the mainstay of the Frankfurt Christian Church in the past when there have been few attending. He and Mrs. Schmid (Eva) were of great help to us personally when we arrived, helping us to get settled. -Raymond and Barbara Rodley.



As Ray and Barbara Rodley said on page 5, Jerry Schmid has been the permanent member of Frankfurt Christian Church for several years. We have enjoyed working with Jerry and have come to know him and Eva as close and dear friends. We have asked Jerry to write something about himself for the OVERSEAS CHRISTIAN.

-Guy and Thelma Mayfield.

My church background is quite varied. Up to the time that I was in Kindergarten my parents belonged to the Roman Catholic Church. After that our family joined the Lutheran Church in which I was confirmed at the age of 12. I was always regular in church attendance. When I went to college I became active in the Presbyterian Church, particularly in the college-age program. After college I joined a Methodist Church where I was active for several years.

Through the Kiwanis Club, where I was a member, I got to know the minister of our local Christian Church, and it was in 1963 that I made the decision to become a Christian only and I was baptized and became a member of the Hillcrest Christian Church in Grenada Hills, California.

In 1967 my father and I sold our public accounting practice and moved to Germany. He and my mother moved to Bavaria and I with my wife, Eva, settled in the Frankfurt area.

I took employment with the Frankfurt International School as accountant, where I am still employed 19 years later. Prior to our move I inquired of my minister about churches or missionaries of our faith in Germany. In his "Directory of the Ministry" he located for me the name of Ed Fausz, missionary in Frankfurt. So on my arrival in the Frankfurt area, I contacted him and I was able to attend his English services held at that time in the 97th General Hospital.

Members were primarily American servicemen stationed in Germany and their families. I soon came to learn the character of a missionary congregation in Europe. As I stayed on year after year, members left and new ones came, and it didn't take long to have a completely new membership. Ministers also changed several times. Those who have served the Frankfurt Christian Church since the departure of Ed Fausz are: Milton Duhon, Sid Allsbury (two times), Guy Mayfield, Rick Jones and Ray Rodley.

I have come to realize the importance of a missionary church of this type, which primarily serves United States military servicemen and their families. But it remains the responsibility of servicemen overseas to search out the nearest Christian Church congregation and not to "neglect so great a salvation" I recommend the reading of Hebrews 2:1-3 for any serviceman who might think that his overseas assignment is also the time for a "vacation" from the church.

-Jerry Schmid

"But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." - Jesus (Matthew 6:33).

LANDSTUHL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

66 Kaiserstrasse 6790 Lnadstuhl

Phone 06371 62988

Don Bridges, Minister

Sunday School

Morning Service

Home Bible Study, Wednesday

10,00

11,00

19,00

A number of our Sunday School teachers and the families of many of our children have been transferred. Plans are now being made to revitalize the Sunday School.

For more information about the Sunday School and the Wednesday night Bible Study, please call the minister, Don Bridges, at the phone number given above.

Don Bridges returned from a furlough in the United States on November 6. He had been gone from Landstuhl since July 28. While in the States he visited with his family and spoke in 12 churches in 5 states about the work of God in Europe and His work through the Landstuhl Christian Church in particular. All together he travelled 8,500 miles in the States.

Jackie (Mrs. David) Newer returned on October 22 from Grand Blanc, Michigan where she attended the funeral of her maternal grandmother. Dave, who is with the Air Force at Hahn, is Chairman of the men's board of the Landstuhl Christian Church. Daughters, Jessamine and Krystal, remained with their father at Hahn for the week that their mother was in America. Jackie and the girls will be leaving for the States in December since Dave is to be transferred shortly afterwards.

Congratulations to Lori (Mrs. Robert)

Ross who returned to Landstuhl October 26 after a month's visit in the United States where she took the necessary tests and became an American citizen. (Lori was born and raised in England.) Son, Daniel, accompanied his mother. Lori and Daniel spent most of their month in the States with Rob's parents in Salem, Oregon. Lori's husband, Bob, is with the Air Force at Ramstein and is the Treasurer of the Landstuhl Christian Church.

Dean Hickerson, who served the Landstuhl

Church while Don Bridges was away, and his wife, Gloria, returned to the States, October 28. Their address in the States is 12525 West 119th Terrace, Overland, Kansas 66213.

EIFEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Meets in the basement of base housing 402--C Spangdahlem Air Force Base

Steve Merritt, Minister

Ordorferstrasse, 18, D- 5521 Duddeldorf

Phone (06565) 2281

Morning Services

10.15

Recently a father and daughter were baptized into Christ through the work of Eifel Church.

Welcome to Chaplain Nils Jaurez-Palma, his wife Claudia and their three daughters who arrived at Spangdahlem on November 13. Chaplain Jaurez-Palma comes to Spangdahlem from Fort Campbell, Kentucky. The family is staying with the Merritts while they are looking for a house. Their address is Box 1995, APO 09123-5366.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH, MILDENHALL, ENGLAND

For information about services and Bible studies call or write: Richard Bowyer, PSC Box 1574, APO 09179-5365, Phone Mildenhall 71 31 86 or Ross Wisemann 16 Elmwood, Sawbridgeworth, Herts., England CM21 9NL, Phone 0279 725 158.

WELCOME BACK

In our last issue we wrote of Mark and Marcille Powell who were scheduled to come to the Darmstadt area soon. Mark has arrived and has already been attending the Frankfurt Church. Marcille and their two children are to arrive this month. As was reported in our last issue; when Mark was an Air Force Sergeant at Zweibrucken in the middle 1970's he held Bible studies in the area including Zweibrucken, Landstuhl, Kaiserslautern Ramstein, and Baumholder and led a number of people to Christ whom he was privileged to baptize.

Chaplain Al Kramer is now in Berlin and Chaplain Dan Mc Call is now at Heidelberg. Both of these chaplains, ministers of Christian churches and churches of Christ, have been in Germany before and both men and their families were blessings, not only to the people of the commands that they served, but also to all of us working as missionaries and civilian ministers in Europe and to servicemen and women from Christian churches and churches of Christ in many parts of Europe. They both supported and took leadership parts in the Midwinter Raillies and the European Christian Service Camp. We rejoice in having them back in Europe.

P E R S O N A L N O T E S

Sam Prorise has recently become the minister of the Eastside Church of Christ, 2212 Cherry Avenue, Merced, California 95340. In the 1960's Sam was a Master Sergeant at Augsburg. He and his wife, Barbara and their children shared in the European Christian Service Camp. After retiring from the Army, Sam attended the St. Louis Christian College and since has held ministries in Wyoming and Idaho.

Merced is near the Castle Air Force Base. Through Fred Ragland, Director of the Christian Military Fellowship, (P.O. Box 2408, Oroville, California 95965) Sam learned of Bill and Vickie Becker of the Ramstein Air Force Base who are active in the Landstuhl Christian Church, and who are soon to transfer to Castle. Brother Prorise wrote the Beckers who deeply appreciated his letter and also one that they received from one of the members of the Merced Church. They are looking forward to fellowship with the Proprises and the Church at Merced. Vickie Becker is the pianist for the Landstuhl Church.

Al Cinnamon was a soldier at Hanau, West Germany in the middle 1970's. He was led to the Frankfurt Christian Church and then to his Lord by his friend and fellow soldier, Tom Leedom, whom he had met in basic training in the United States. After his military service Al studied at the Dakota Bible College. He and his wife, Val, and their two children have recently gone to lead the Church at Myrtle Creek, Oregon. Their address is P.O. Box 4008, Myrtle Creek, Oregon 97457

M I S S I O N A R Y N E W S

Harold Fowler, Missionary at Matelica in Italy is to hold a three night mission in Italian at the building of the Karlsruhe-Germany Church of Christ, Reinhold-Frank Str., 23, Friday through Sunday, December 26 to 28. The Mission is to be held in connection with the bimonthly all day Saturday Bible study that Italians coming from France and north and south Germany have on a Saturday five times a year.

In our last issue we reported the arrival of Steve and Valerie Herrick in Perugia, Italy to begin Language Study at the University for Foreigners. They look forward to establishing a new work for our Lord in Italy.

Ryan and Carrie Carr, missionaries at San Mariano, near Perugia, Italy helped the Herricks find a home in Perugia. Now the Herricks have opened their new home for a Sunday evening Bible Study. Ryan and Carrie will lead the music and the lessons until they leave on furlough in December so as not to overburden the Herricks as they are getting started in language study.

The Carrs are praising God for the progress of His work both in the Church that meets in their home in San Mariano as well as for the Bible study in the Herrick home. They are also thanking Him for the recovery of their baby, Sabrina, after a bad fall and Carrie's escape from injury to herself or her passenger when a tire blew out at night on their way home from a ladies' Bible study. The car went up over a curb but the only damage to the car was a flat tire.

Randy Smelser missionary living in Hannover, Germany and Ryan and Carrie Carr of Italy are publishing a paper called "Scream for Help" which they hope will challenge many people to dedicate their lives to European Evangelism and challenge American Christians to support those who will dedicate their lives to bringing New Testament Christianity to this continent. For more information and copies of the paper, please write to Randy at Buergermeister-Fink Str., 28, 3000 Hannover 1, West Germany.

Fred Miller, missionary to London, England, lead a revival for the Church in Charlestown, New South Wales, Australia in October. Later he was to speak at the South Pacific Christian Convention in Tasmania.

In your prayers, will you, please, include Charles and Jessie Lee Troyer who have been missionaries in Italy since 1953. Jessie Lee phoned Monday night, November 17 to tell us that Charles had been admitted to the hospital the day before with shortness of breath. The doctors considered his condition serious. Wednesday night, November 19, their daughter, Vicki, phoned to say that her father was resting better. The Troyers' mailing address is C.P. 36, 73100 Lecce, Italy. Their phone is Italy (0832) 647470.

Bert and Lucie Ott, missionaries at Pforzheim, Germany, thank you for the prayers that you are offering for them. Lucie says that she is feeling weaker from day to day. She has a strong faith and it is an inspiration to talk with her. The Otts live at Kniebisstr, 8, 7531 Eisingen/Enkreis, West Germany. Their phone is 0731 -8726.

If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

Frank Pollard, the host of the TV program, "At Home With the Bible" which was shown on the Armed Forces Network on November 16 asked the above question. It is a gripping one!

If I were arrested for being a Christian would my accusers testify against me that:

He acts as if he knows that even though he has taken the wings of the morning and dwells in the uttermost parts of the sea, even here God's hand leads him and His right hand holds him. (Psalm 139).

He shares regularly in the assemblies of the Church. (Hebrews 10:25)

He observes the Lord's Supper regularly. (I Corinthians 11:23-26)

He gives a part of his earnings to the work of God. (I Corinthians 9:17)

He studies the Bible regularly. (II Timothy 2:15)

He tells others of his faith and encourages them to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. (Matthew 28:18-20)

He uses good language, never using words that degrade the Name of God or of mankind. (Matthew 5:33-37)

He hates evil and clings to that which is good. (Romans 12:9. He abstains from the very appearance of evil. (I Thessalonians 5:22)

He does not even smile when an off-color joke is told.

He seems to reflect the love of God. Jesus said that the world will know that we are His disciples because we love one another. (John 13:35)

Henry Drummond in his famous sermon "The Greatest Thing in the World" which was an exposition of the 13th chapter of First Corinthians said, "Politeness is love in small things." The Funk and Wagnalls Standard Desk Dictionary says, "To be courteous is to be polite while having a warmer regard for the feelings and dignity of others."

He faces suffering and death without fear or complaint, because he believes that God is with him. (Psalm 2; John 14:1-4)

On the other hand, I may be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that brings forth its fruit in its season (Psalm 1). I may be the light of the world and the salt of the earth. And even those who would accuse me, may see my good works and give glory to their Heavenly Father. (Matthew 5:14-16)

Retreat Registration Form. Side 2.

The other members of my family who plan to be with me are:

Husband or wife: _____ Date _____

Children:

Name _____ Boy or Girl _____ Age _____

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____