

Berlinprojekt-info

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Berlinprojekt
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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Since our last newsletter in fall last year many things have happened here at Berlinprojekt. I think the most notable development is our **continuous growth**. Over the last six months we have been growing from about 100 to 160 people every Sunday. This means constant adaptation in regards to structure and very practical things like chairs and space. But the exciting aspect of all this is the endless opportunities to minister to people and to encourage and challenge each other with the gospel.

We continue to see **new friends becoming Christians** on a regular basis. Just three weeks ago we had our first joyous and very special baptism service. We baptized five people at the sanctuary of a nearby Baptist church. Their stories were touching to all of us.



And simply to witness such a clear act of faith and community was very impressive for many in the congregation that had never seen such a thing before. In regards to spiritual growth in the church, I am particularly impressed by the eagerness of those with new or newly found faith to gain biblical wisdom for their lives. Much of the **spiritual formation** happens in our small groups, our "sofa groups". Konstantin

has been investing time and effort in creating a good small group system with ongoing training and interaction of leaders, which starts to pay off. We have now eight sofa groups, and a few other profession specific groups that are in cooperation with our church.

There is also good news about the development of our **gallery space** (which is a part of our church office). The first two exhibitions took place with great success. Our main intentions with the gallery are to support young artists in our neighborhood and to create opportunities for interaction of Christian and non-Christian artists. This has created many opportunities for the church itself as well: For the openings and other events people that would never come to one of our services set foot in our space and interact with friends from the church in a very natural surrounding. And simply the professional and artistic atmosphere is a stereotype-breaking experience for many without church background. Recently during a small acoustic concert in the space a friend overheard some people walking by our windows who were commenting: "Look, that's typical for this neighborhood." Well, to me this is exactly the compliment we want to get – truly part of the neighborhood yet with a distinct Christian profile and outlook.

One of the most exciting things these months is to see Daniel, our assistant pastor, advance in his preparations for the start of our first **daughter church in Hamburg**. It won't be easy to let Daniel and his wife Kathrine go at the end of this year. But at the same time it is so exciting to imagine that a comparable story as we are experiencing with Berlinprojekt could unfold in Hamburg as well. Please pray for him and his wife in their preparations.



In regards to **prayer**, we started a new tool for better prayer information – a prayer blog. You can find it under


www.bpprayer.wordpress.com

It has been up for a few weeks and contains weekly prayer news and updates or those of you who want to walk with us on a steadier basis.

Please pray for (1) the development of solid leadership as we are looking to install our first elders besides us pastors, (2) the search of a larger worship space, (3) for strength, wisdom and protection for Konstantin, Daniel and me in our growing responsibility and (4) for upcoming trips of all three of us to partners and friends in D.C., Chattanooga, Charlotte and NYC in March.

Thank you for your faithful support, friendship and interest. This Sunday we will pray for our supporters in our worship service.

In Him,
Christian, Konstantin, Daniel

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