



Greetings Mavuno Family,

We have ministered just about one month in Berlin now, and we already experience how God moves people and situations.

Re-Booting the church in Berlin, we took the opportunity to also re-launch these "Mavuno Berlin News" that you will receive bi-monthly. Our blog www.flechsigs.de was also re-launched and is getting more and more international. There we share our experiences and testimonies more often and you'll also find a printable pdf-version of this newsletter. Have fun with it.

Inauguration

It is now exactly one month ago that we celebrated our official introduction into the church in Berlin, EFG-Lichterfelde, that is going to be re-started. For us it was both - a fine and a serious moment. For more than three years we have been preparing for it - and now it's finally happening.

But before we really re-boot the church, a lot still had to be released, that we expressed as an entire congregation in a symbolic act: everyone was asked to write those things down on a small slip of paper those things, that we want let go to be able to start all over. Then the slips were buried in a flower pot, and a young plant was planted above that symbolizes the new thing, that God is about to do among us. So the kick-off for the re-start is given.

„Prayer Adventure“

The very next Sunday we started our from Kenya imported and in two years ago in Leipzig beta-tested prayer-course. For ten weeks as an entire church we will devote ourselves to pray and to learn about prayer,



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PrayerCorner

We are thankful

* Looking at all the answered prayers

* That our team arrives at the same time in August - we get started earlier than expected

* For nice apartments for families Müller & Glöckner

And need you support.

instead of the usual church services on Sunday. All participants read 5 lessons per week from the course booklet, then on Sunday we exchange our experiences, talk about answered prayers, motivate each other and pray together, of course. Thus we want to create a common spiritual foundation, as prayer is key to what God intends us.

Secondly, this is a deliberate incision into the church life, with which we express, that we don't just continue, but we expect something new from God. We are realigning ourselves to God and expressing our dependence on him.

Last week we were fasting as a whole church. We have invited everyone to pray and fast on 3 consecutive days for personal and church-wide concerns. We are so excited about this experience, and lie in God's ears for our church, that he answers their prayers. Again and again we are talking to discouraged people, whose prayers God has not heard for years. We want so much, that they get spiritual impetus by the experience, that prayer really makes a difference.

God Moves

We ourselves can only marvel at what God is setting in motion in such a short time. Imaging: our entire team arrives at the very same weekend in Berlin. The Glöckner family as well as the Müller family is moving to Berlin on 13 August, the Australian couple James & Beth roper hits German ground on 12 August!

The Müller family originally planned their relocation for the end of September. But God has been so great, that without extensive search, they found a great home within only one week - and they were able to rent it immediately. This can not be taken for granted, not in Berlin, especially since there were several dozen competitors. Now they have two homes, but the old one can not hold them back. "We are so in Berlin," they both say, "we can not wait." - And neither do we.

James and Beth on the other hand, are quite different: relaxed Australians. Both pack only one suitcase each. After their arrival the'll look around to find job and living space. Until then they will stay with a family at church, in whose house an apartment became available just last week. Isn't God awesome? Looking at our team we experience our very own "Adventure Prayer." But that's not enough.

Please pray

- * For smooth relocations of the three families
- * For qick and good settling in city, culture and team
- * For far-reaching experiences with God through "Prayer Adventure" as a church and gaining focus



Consecration



Letting go...



...something new is growing.



Internship

Right in our first week of ministry we have found that we could double our working time and do still have too much to do. We prayed (and still pray) for support, because the team that arrives in August will serve on a volunteer basis. Unexpectedly a door opened: on 1 September we will welcome our first Intern: Sven Keßler. Together with his wife Denise he belongs to the church since about two years, and he takes opportunity of the re-boot of the church to take a huge step of faith and personally re-start in his career to see what God has in store for him. We are excited about this opportunity and we can't to see what surprises God has prepared yet.

Family

Oh, and then we're still family. Ferdinand makes his own "Prayer adventure." When we sat down for dinner last week and said grace, suddenly there came a hearty "Amen" from his mouth. Obviously, our son often enough listened to the prayers of his parents. Since then he bursts into our prayers with "Amen", especially if it lasts too long before eating.

The far greater adventure for him is learning to walk. The best thing is barefoot running over hill and dale - without regard for losses, but always having mom and dad holding him. His urge to move is unbroken, and if he does not want to run, he loves to romp in bed.

Besides all the official challenges, it is good for us that we can work from home-office and thus maintain family life. Shared meals are a big plus for the three of us, just as a short play time with dad in between. We enjoy it very much.

Now, if you have the impression that we are well, then you are right. This is certainly a result of your prayers and we thank you. Because we also remember that the devil does not sleep, for example, by our son can not sleep, often at night from Saturday to Sunday.

Warm greetings,

Daniel and Nancy with Ferdinand



Ferdinand: learning to walk.



Children's zoo



Favourite toy: shoes

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