



YOUR MISSIONARIES  
**THE RICHARDS**  
TO GERMANY



DEAR SANTA FE BAPTIST CHURCH,

**THREE BAPTIZED**— Although the last few months have been a challenge because of the COVID-19 lockdowns, we had three people who wanted to follow the Lord in scriptural baptism. Praise the Lord! Despite the restrictions, we had a great turn out and everything worked out well. Please pray that these three individuals will continue to grow in the Lord and never stop serving Him. Thank you.



**CHRISTMAS AND WATCH-NIGHT SERVICES**— We had our annual Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Praise the Lord we are still able to meet in person with minor restrictions (face masks, social distancing, etc.). The church events during December have been especially well attended in the past because this is the time when even atheists will attend a service. German Christmas traditions include attending a church, so this has usually been a great time to get many lost to hear the gospel (usually for the first time in their life). We also were still able to hold our annual watch-night service in person. Praise the Lord! We usually had eating events after each of these services. For one, to spend more time talking to the lost and hopefully being able to reach them and also for church members who did not have a place to go during the holidays. This year we were not able to have any eating events but we are in close contact with the visitors who attended these services and will follow up so that we may hopefully be able to reach them for Christ soon.

We were also able to make visits to people who were alone during the holidays so that they did not have to spend the entire holiday without anyone. Please pray that the many people we are witnessing to and for the people who have received tracks in their mailbox will except the Lord as their Savior before it is too late. It seems that our time on earth might be running out sooner than expected so all Christians really need to make sure they are reaching as many lost souls as possible. Now is the time to start talking to the lost - they are all around us! Many have not heard the gospel and you are the one who can tell them! I pray there will be a great awakening so that many more souls will be forever saved and not have to spend eternity in the lake of fire.

**COVID-19 UPDATE**— Because of the growing COVID-19 numbers, Germany announced tough new measures in December, including curfews. However, these stricter lockdown measures still allow church services and prayer meetings to be conducted in person. Praise the Lord! We keep praying the German government and local leaders will continue to allow church services and prayer meetings to be held in person.

**PRAYER REQUEST –**

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| More Independent Baptist Churches in Germany     | Faithfulness in the Last Days ( <i>Hebrews 10:25</i> )  |
| More to be saved and baptized in Germany         | The Church in Ingolstadt, Germany   |
| That the COVID-19 restrictions will remain light | That my son-in-law Jeremy Randle will be able to raise his support quickly as Europe needs fundamental Baptist missionaries who are church planters |

In Christ,

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“I bare you on eagles’ wings” – Exodus 19:4

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