

Botho and Gisela Heinz

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Dear Prayer Partners,

Can we still wish you a '**Happy New Year**' even when it is already six weeks old? Anyway, we guess it is never too late to wish you the experience of God's love, care and blessings on each day of this New Year 2009.

To God's Glory, Our Family Has Experienced This

Our son, Gerrith, finished his job training during the summer of 2008 and began a totally new period of life by getting married, taking on a different job and moving away from home. Then, he lost this job at the end of December. That was a great shock for all of us – especially because of the economical situation that has declined during the last months. Human fears and worries easily took over, although we knew that God cares for His children.

We are very grateful for the strong trust in God with which this young couple took the situation – and for the efforts they made! Gerrith applied for many jobs. After one interview, it looked so good....until he was turned down. Because of continuously changing situations, they started to wonder what this was all about.

Then, Gerrith located an address in the phone book of a carpenter's place that was only a 10-minute walk from their apartment. Thus, he took his resume and went there. Within a very short period of time, the owner decided to take Gerrith on, even though they were not in the process of hiring. On January 19, he started working there. He loves his work and his new colleagues. Praise God!

A Closer Look at Botho's Ministry

On his last trip, he was in Romania where he taught at the Bible College near Sibiu and it was a good time. The students in this class are eager to serve God in their mother country. This cannot be taken for granted because many young Romanians emigrate to Spain, Italy or Germany.

Right now, he is there again. In the beginning, he was in Turda for a few days where he coaches the pastor and teaches the elders of a newly-planted church. Now, he is teaching at the Bible College again. The first week he is teaching "Apologetics". Gisela will arrive from Germany for the second week for the teaching "The Principles of a Biblical Marriage".

News about Ciprian and His Wife

They are doing missionary work in a small village in East Romania where there are no Evangelical Christians. We have told you about their conflict with the local orthodox priest. Thanks to your prayers, no open conflicts have occurred. But, unfortunately, Ciprian cannot conduct evangelistic children or youth ministry because this would fuel the conflict. Also, he had to invest a lot of time in the reorganization of the medical office of his wife (who is a physician) because after Romania joined the EU, its regulations had to be applied. Together, they want to win people for Christ through the medical service they provide.

Information from Croatia

The Mayor of Cakovec (*where the building of a Christian Center was arranged by a Christian businessman, Bratko Horvat*) came to Mr. Horvat with the request to build a Christian High School and Junior College in his town because they do not have these in the whole area. He told Mr. Horvat that the city had already designated a piece of land next to the Christian Center. Well, this is not only a unique possibility but also an extremely strong challenge. Please pray for it.

Between Botho's Trips

Botho was able to take off some days around Christmas. One highlight during the last months was the visit of a colleague from World Reach and his wife. The obvious reason was the attendance of a Board Meeting of Theological Teaching Service, the German branch of World Reach. Also, there was a need for time to discuss different things concerning Botho's ministry with World Reach and Theological Teaching Service. Over and above everything else, we received a special gift from God in the time together with this couple because we are very close to them.

Planning the year 2009, looking for good and inexpensive flight connections and booking flights (mostly over the Internet) has taken most of Botho's time in the past weeks. The continuous work to improve his teaching material and develop new topics never ends. And, by the way, he is doing all of the book accounting for the ministry.

A special challenge is the training of a new volunteer missionary, Eduard Roehrich. He will be responsible for fund raising, as well as the most effective way of how to spend what is related to the Evangelistic Children's Ministry in Ukraine. His next projects are: 1) Writing a prayer letter 2) Putting together a presentation to report to churches as to how their money was spent and 3) Raise funds for this summer. He needs your prayers!

Our Prayer Requests

- ▶ Teaching at the Bible College near Sibiu, Romania - Pray for attentive students and that God will touch their lives. Also, their health and protection during the time with us. (*The Bible College does not have much money; thus, the rooms are often not well heated.*)
- ▶ The possibility of building a Christian High School and Junior College in Cakovec (a town in Croatia) - Pray for funds and for Bratko Horvat, who would be the man doing the organizing.
- ▶ Eduard Roehrich and his ministry with Theological Teaching Service (Summer Camps for Children and Teens in Ukraine).
- ▶ Gerrith and his new job – That he will be well-integrated in the team of co-workers and will keep the job for a long period of time.

We send you our best regards and are looking forward to what God has planned for this year. May God bless you.

Yours,



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