

Botho and Gisela Heinz

Dear Prayer Partners,

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This year, we took off for vacation in February. One reason was that several family events will take place this coming summer. Another reason was that we wanted to go sightseeing in New York and the flight tickets are cheap at that time of the year. Besides several days in New York, we also stayed with some dear friends in Alabama and took the opportunity to visit some churches. This was very encouraging because sometimes working on the mission field is not very easy and is often lonely. It is good to know and experience that brothers and sisters in Christ pray for us daily.

Botho has been to Volgograd/Russia once again. Last year, we were both there and conducted a marriage seminar. When Botho went back this year, he learned that one young man (who had been divorced years ago and needed to overcome negative experiences) had married a young lady who attended the seminar and was a serious listener. Also, our interpreter had been very unhappy at that time because he was still single and could not imagine finding a partner. Now, he is engaged to a young lady who took part in the marriage seminar. May God bless them.

Botho spoke this time about the "Resurrection of Christ" in six different churches. He stressed how important the resurrection of Jesus was and how to handle criticism. He also talked about the hope we have because of it and how this can and should affect our lives. The topic was met with approval. When these believers bear witness of their hope because of the resurrection of Christ, they experience the same things that you and I do. One sister in Christ told Botho that she had actually been dead some years ago and everytime she tries to bear witness about it, she meets with disinterest. They are not listening today . . . maybe later.

The time between Easter and Ascension Day is the time when Jesus not only appeared to His disciples, but also many other people. The New Testament is the best documented book out of that period of time. But, in contrast to other historic books, it is questioned. Why? We believe it is because it is the greatest challenge to mankind. If Julius Cesar wrote "De Bello Gallico" (reports about a war in France) or if someone wrote

something even centuries later, it is not really important to us today. But, it really makes a difference to us today if Jesus rose from the dead. If it is true, there is a life after death and there is nothing more important than to get prepared for it. I want to put a question to everyone: *"Is Christ's resurrection most important to us or are we more occupied with problems in the realm of interpersonal relationships and other areas in the church?"*

We wish that you will always fasten your eyes on the *Resurrected* Jesus.

With love,



Botho and Gisela

PS - When you receive this letter, Botho will be in Romania teaching at a Bible College near Sibiu.

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