

# The Heinz Family



September 2008

**Dear Prayer Partners,**

Summer has passed by and we hope you enjoyed it with a restful vacation time. This year, our vacation was in February. Why?

Because **Big Family Events** were to take place!

- ~ Gisela and Botho celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary
- ~ Botho's family had a get-together (*his cousin from Canada was visiting Germany*)
- ~ Gisela and Botho's youngest son, Gerrith, married his fiancée, Miriam



During the summer, the Church in Yalta conducted the children camps again. As with every year, believers in Germany raised funds for them. A short-term missionary, Eduard Roehrig (born and raised in Kazakhstan and knowing German and Russian fluently) took the money to them. He came back at the end of August and gave a report of a blessed time. On September 16<sup>th</sup>, Botho will fly to Yalta to teach at the Bible College and will hear more reports of what God did at the camps.

Before the family dominated our timetable, Botho conducted Bible studies during what is called "Holidays Under the Word of God" in Friedrichroda, a little town in East Germany. It was a new but very good experience. Maybe some of you may be wondering how it happened that Botho was invited. In the very beginning, just after the fall of the Iron Curtain in 1990, we had an idea of doing mission work through World Reach-Europe to help churches in the former GDR

(East Germany) and train their laymen. But God led differently – much further to the East. At that time, Botho came to know Thoralf Lutz and they have stayed in contact over the years. Now, Thoralf works for the Christian retreat hotel “House of Silence” in Friedrichroda and wanted Botho to share his Biblical knowledge.



Right now, Botho is putting together the curriculum for the Bible College and its teachers for the next year. We would appreciate your prayers for the planning of the schedule for 2009.

We wish you God's richest blessings.

Yours,

Handwritten signature of Botho &amp; Gisela Heinz.

Gisela & Botho Heinz

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