

# Botho and Gísela Heínz

Dear Prayer Partners,

October 2009

With great gratitude we look back on our vacation time in France when we were able to relax and regain strength for our work and ministry. On our way back home, we went by the place of a former student Botho had taught 12 years ago. He is Jewish and when he finished his studies he immigrated to Israel to reach other Jews for Christ. After some years, he moved back to France where he was born due to a severe motorbike accident because the health insurance in Israel refused to pay the hospital bills because he was a Jew but not Israeli. In France, he joined CMA (Christian Motorcyclist Association) to reach French bikers for Jesus. It was a great joy for us to meet him again after so many years and listen to his stories; sharing how he tries to connect with Frenchmen who are mainly not receptive to the Gospel because of historical and cultural developments.



Just back home - Bible Study Evenings were planned in a nearby Church. Jerry Clark, a pastor from a Bible Church in Jackson, Mississippi, spoke about "Biblical Principles of Marriage and Family", a topic he taught the week before at Yalta Bible College. In Yalta, 25-40 people attended to learn more about the principles of a Christian marriage. Although they listened for 3 days to 10 lessons, the concentration never ceased. The question and answer period was well used. During the evenings, the congregation also showed concentrated attention - Some comments were: "It is a pity for every empty chair." - From the youth: "It's so good for future relations, friendships, dates!" - Some even stated: "We didn't announce it well enough."

October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Botho went to Sibiu/Romania to the Bible College there. He taught the Book of Job and, with the help of the Book of Judges, he explained to the students about the people with their goddesses and cults which the Israelites met in Canaan and what

influence they had on them. During the weekend between the two weeks of Bible College teaching, he visited a new church plant in a nearby town to finish the exegesis of Daniel he began in the spring.

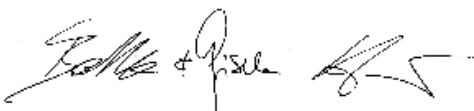
Back home, there will not be much time to pick up. The washing machine will have to work extra hours so that the suitcase can be packed again quickly because only three days later he will fly to Yalta/Ukraine to conduct another teaching session at Yalta Bible College that he is responsible for. This time, our youth pastor will go with him for the first time. Although he has a Russian background, it is exciting and unfamiliar for him to be in a Russian-speaking teaching situation. He doubts that his Russian is still good enough for it - but, fortunately, there will be an interpreter on hand because Botho needs one!

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- \* Protection from diseases (cold, flu, etc.) during his travels to other climates
- \* The airline budgets (which affect us more and more) will keep their schedules and all connections can be made
- \* Our youth pastor will experience a good, blessed and fruitful time in Yalta

We appreciate your prayers and wish you God's blessings!

Yours,



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