

CHRISTLICHES ZENTRUM HERRNHUT, e.V.

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Dear friends,

Before the hectic Christmas preparation time gets underway, we want to send a shout out to all of you, far and near: Merry Christmas! Peace be with you!

We pray that in the coming weeks you will take to heart God's clear voice as He encourages and leads. After Christmas the year 2008 arrives, and it will most certainly be an exciting year for us at the Jesus-Haus and Christliches Zentrum. We are even so far in our planning that we can set forth a year-long plan for our activities in 2008. Special weekends for people who want to seek the Lord, separate women's and men's conferences, a congregational Easter celebration, opportunities to help us renovate the Jesus-Haus, and much more— all this is on the calendar for 2008. More info to come in January!

Recently one of our staff said to me, "Don't just write in the newsletter what is *going to* happen. Write what already *is!*" So then. . .

Staun Mal!

The name, which means "Be Amazed", has already caused some amazement! But even more amazing is that since the beginning of October we have in fact been coming together for an hour of worship five evenings per week. Each time has been beautiful, good and refreshing. The core staff team who carries "Staun Mal!" is small; however, it has proved to be not a burden but a joy to them. We've also been amazed about the reaction to "Staun Mal!" as on some evenings as many as 15-20 people have shown up. The special thing about this worship time is not really who comes or who our team is, but the feeling we have that what we are doing actually brings joy to God's heart. We have the sense that the activities in the House of Prayer are on the right track.

Visitors

Through the ministry of YWAM base in Herrnhut, as well as through other means, we have recently welcomed many new guests in the Jesus-Haus. People tell us again and again what a blessing to be able to be in the Jesus-Haus to seek the Lord. We are also growing as a congregation in special ways in our relationships with Poland and the Czech Republic. In God's Kingdom we are not primarily three different nations, but God's people in different cultures. We treasure each other and are seeking ways to support each other across our national borders.

Building: spiritual and practical

From the beginning it has been strongly on our hearts that we would not just occupy a huge construction site, but that we would join the spiritual building process with the practical. This has been quite successful in the last few months. We have been having devotions each morning with the



Crosswalk evangelistic outreach in Dresden

(mostly non-Christian) construction workers. The King's Kids group came and spent several intensive weekends in the Jesus-Haus, and in between we hosted a youth group from Neumünster, who helped us with the practical building work in addition to their evangelistic outreaches in the region. We had for the first time our "Building Blocks" Bible seminar on Saturday afternoons. Our long-standing ministries, the Israel Prayer Group and the Women's Breakfast Ministry, continue to be active. There's always something going on!



Youth Group from Neumünster

A few requests:

- We are looking for participants in our UNITE church internship program. UNITE runs six to twelve months and is for people who have completed a DTS (discipleship course) or graduated from Bible school, or who have already spent several years working with a church. Do you know someone who feels called by God to take part in something like this? Perhaps even you yourself? We would love to hear from you. A visit to the Jesus-Haus is a good first step towards getting involved with this program.
- Our work is expanding on all sides. Please pray for us, that we won't allow ourselves to be "fragmented" or find ourselves going down rabbit trails. We want to be able to set right priorities as we begin the new year.
- Our "charismatic archive" consists at the moment only of a few bookcases and fire-proof filing cabinets filled with material that is more or less organized. We could really use someone who feels particularly called to spend one or two days a week helping with this project. Do you know someone?
- Our attempt to organize a support team to help carry the work of the Jesus-Haus has yielded a somewhat weak response. However, I still believe that having a support team is a good and right way to raise financial support for the Jesus-Haus. Please pray with us that we can develop this good idea further. (By the way, it would greatly help us if you would take a moment to look at our "List of needed items" (<http://www.czherrnhut.de/aktuelles/bedarfsliste/en/>). Perhaps a few of these items are already sitting in storage in your cellar or garage and you could send them in our direction!)

Thank you . . .

To all visitors, supporters, and friends: thank you for all of your donations! Thank you for your help during our Restoration Weeks. Thank you for your prayers and wise advice. Thank you for patiently reading this long newsletter. Thank you! You're awesome!

Warm greetings to you all,
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