

CHRISTLICHES ZENTRUM HERRNHUT, e.V.

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Save us, oh Lord our God, and gather us from among the Gentiles, to give thanks to Your holy name, to triumph in Your praise. ~Psalm 106:47

Sometimes, living in such a sleepy little town, it's easy to feel like progress is also sleepy! But taking time to stop and look what the Lord has done so far, we see how quickly He is developing things here. To get some impressions, look at the new features on our website:

www.czherrnhut.de

NEW

Andie's Blog—in English (direct link www.andiehottenbacher.blogspot.com)

Events diary

Testimonies and greetings of guests

Photos of the renovations

New songs—sheet music and sample tunes

Info for guests: travel, accomodation, local history

Picture of the week

SOON TO COME

Info about DEVOTE, our "frame" when you need to get alone with God

The Building Blog

Frank's Blog—in German only

Sermons from the Jesus-Haus

Planned Events

We will be having a Restoration Week from 21-25 January 2008. Keep Easter in your diary as well for 2008. It is going to be a special time to celebrate Easter in the Jesus-Haus!

The Life of Prayer

As the number of prayer rooms and guests increase in the Jesus-Haus, we believe that this autumn is time for us to focus more on the spiritual development of the prayer and worship house. God has spoken so clearly over the years about what He will develop here. Our challenge is to allow things to develop as God leads and not according to patterns in other places or people's expectations of what they think it should look like.

Evensong

This autumn we have launched a daily evening time of pure worship, either instrumental or sung or a mixture of both. Once this is established, other hours will be set aside during the day with specific goals such as declaration or intercession. Building up the prayer and worship altar this way is manageable for us as a



relatively small group of people and also creates a framework for guests to enter into the presence of God while they are here.

Devote

We are looking at how we receive guests in “our house”. A hospitality team is developing to meet with guests at the beginning of their stay and establish how we can help them get the most out of their time here. A personal Devote program will be prepared for each guest according to their needs. For more info, keep an eye on our website.



The Church

Local people are getting saved! We look forward to seeing this increase. We have recently been focusing on freedom in Christ and people have been dealing very deeply with issues.

The Renovations

We continue to be grateful for all who participate practically and financially in these times. Progress is also being made in the planning and building permissions necessary in particular for the larger planned worship hall. We value your continued prayers in this area. Teams for 2008, contact us now!

DNA

This discipleship programme has a new start date in Germany of October 2008. We see God’s hand in this as interest is increasing from Poland and the Czech Republic. The course will now be bilingual in German and English. Trainees are based with a hosting church where they work and are mentored. In addition, regular teaching and training blocks will be held at the Jesus-Haus and in Berlin. More info may be found at www.dna-deutschland.org.

The Workers

Some have given their lives to Jesus, others are drawing closer. Please pray for Eberhard who recently had a stroke. We pray that this difficult season draws him closer to his Saviour.

King’s Kids

Particularly exciting is a new regional development in King’s Kids. The Herrnhut group is now 20 years old and has influenced generations of children over the years. Barbara is stepping down from day-to-day involvement with the group and some of the older teens will now lead it under the encouragement of Mechtild. The group will receive monthly input alongside other King’s Kids groups in East Germany and we look forward to seeing what develops!



The Worship Room

This is our third meeting room in 2 years and we are outgrowing it already. It is home to our local congregation and a great room to host regional events. The fantastic and challenging acoustics of

the 18th century vaulted ceilings make this a wonderful room for worship. This room is now set aside specifically as a “sanctuary”.

Our Close Friends

We continue to be greatly encouraged by all who are close to the heart of what is happening here. We are also grateful to all of you who regularly take time individually and as groups or churches to pray for us. We really need those prayers! We do feel the resistance of the enemy as we plough forward in the work and vision here. Our combined prayer and praise is essential as we move forward, taking new ground.

Please pray in particular for our leadership team—for us as well as other leaders in this region. Over the last few years each family of leaders in the area has undergone deeply personal times of trial or tragedy. Currently the daughter of one of the local pastors has been missing for more than a month. The police is involved but there has been no confirmed report of her even being alive since she left home on the 20th of August. This and other events have caused us to take note that the leaders in this region seem to be “under fire” in a particular way. Please join us in prayer for the strength and courage of all the leaders to continue to do their kingdom work.

We are grateful that we may write to you, sharing our life with you. We value your support and your prayer for us and for this country. And we look forward to keeping you in touch with all that is devoping, and perhaps to welcoming you personally to the Jesus-Haus.

Oh, and don't forget our super-duper new website! www.czherrnhut.de

Giving thanks to His holy name and triumphing in His praise,

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*God says: Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
Isaiah 43:19*