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Dear friends,

A postcard of a sailboat in full array is sitting on my desk right now. Wind streams through the sails as the craft navigates the waves. How could the same boat sail without the wind?

Or imagine a person standing before a stream of water—the only one for miles in the midst of the desert. If the stream is dry, what will happen to the person? And what will happen if he actually finds water?

Or imagine an early-morning walk past a bakery in full operation. The aroma of freshly-baked bread wafts through the open windows. Your mouth begins to water and you think, “Maybe I should pop in for a fresh roll and a cup of coffee!”

But what if there was no fire in the baker’s oven? There would be no aroma, no attraction, no anticipation. Flour and water and salt, mixed together, waiting to be baked—but without the fire....?



Of course, you know what I am talking about. But it has simply become so much clearer to me how much we **absolutely need** the Holy Spirit! He is not just an accessory to all of our striving. Saying, “I’ve done my best; it will be all right,” just doesn’t cut it. Without the **water of life** we will die of thirst. There is no other way! Without the **wind of the Spirit** the boat won’t move, not one bit. We need the wind! Without fire, the **bread of life**—even with the finest ingredients—remains inedible. We need fire, wind, water—we need the **HOLY SPIRIT!**

If we’ve understood this, then let us do what Zinzendorf exhorted in his 1723 hymn, “Christian Hearts in Love United”: *And should our love’s union holy/ Firmly linked no more remain/ Wait ye at His footstool lowly/ Till He draw it close again.*

We need God, we need each other, we need love, we need the Spirit! “Need” in the sense that *it simply works no other way*. And if we see the lack in ourselves, let us not be like the Laodiceans and say, “I am rich and satisfied and need nothing,” but rather *wait at His footstool lowly*.

Did you know that by the year 2025 all the known languages of the world will have a Bible translation of their own? Did you know that in Israel many are acknowledging Ye-

shua as Messiah? Did you know that in China in the last 25 years alone approximately 180 million people have come to faith in Jesus? There have been millions in India and South America as well—and Europe’s turn must also come. Are these not signs that God’s Word is being fulfilled? A great harvest will come in, the gospel will be preached to all peoples, Israel will be saved. *O wait ye at His footstool lowly.*

This is an unusual newsletter—it’s not so much about us, although many wonderful and encouraging things have been happening here.

At Pentecost, for the first time in history, people from all 220 nations of the earth prayed for revival. The whole earth is crying to God, “Have mercy on us and on our nations.” *O, that You would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before You. (Is. 64:1)* Let us cry out to Him, that He comes to **Germany**—with fire, with wind, with water, with THE SPIRIT. *O wait ye at His footstool lowly.*

Those who cry out at God’s footstool create through their waiting, hoping and believing a resting place for His glory. We need Him! Give me the water of life—or I will perish! Give us Your presence—or we will perish! Come, Holy Spirit! “I lift up my eyes to the mountains; where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD...” (Psalm 121)



Warm greetings to you all,
Frank Hottenbacher and the Jesus-Haus Team