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Dear Pastor and Church, dear praying friends!

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Just before last year's Christmas, my wife's aunt passed away at the age of 84. She was saved, praise the Lord, and we know she is in the presence of her Lord and Savior right now. The funeral was conducted by a Lutheran pastor and one of our relatives commented the service with the words: "That was really shallow and did not make sense at all."

At the end of January, one of my aunts passed away at the age of 80 (salvation is questionable). The family asked me to participate in her funeral. Due to my aunt being a Lutheran, her family wanted a Lutheran pastor to do his "things". The funeral was held in a little Lutheran country-side chapel (built in 1448 A.D.) and was packed with about 180 people present. Well, the Lutheran pastor did the obituary and moderation and left me the preaching. Praise the Lord! I preached on Christ being the only true comforter due to Him being risen from the dead Himself and Him being the Savior we all need. I talked about sin and hell, about forgiveness, salvation and heaven. At the grave side, one gentleman tapped me on the shoulder and thanked me for the »ingenious presentation of the gospel«. Well, I have been called in my preaching this and that before, but never »ingenious«. Before I could respond to that particular gentleman though he left and disappeared amongst the multitude. Of course, my relatives thanked me for the preaching also, but it was more out of courtesy than anything else. Yet, my uncle and my cousin came to our Sunday morning church services three weeks later and they got another pure dose of the Gospel. Would you please pray with me for the unsaved members of my family, especially for **Lothar, Elke, Harald, and Klaus**?

I was struck with unbearable pain in my right foot and was admitted to the hospital. All kinds of medication went through my veins and after a couple of days I could go back home. The doctors are not certain about what the problems was, and they swing from tendonitis to arthritis to gout. The problem has eased but is not yet completely gone. Please pray for a speedy and full recovery. In the hospital I shared a room with an elderly gentleman. He is 84 years old and is the owner of a local brewery. I had a couple of times a real good chance to witness to him and he agreed to everything I said. The difficult thing though was that my room mate slipped in and out of being aware and mentally fully present and being somewhere else. When I left, I received his address and phone number and I will contact him in the near future. Please pray for Mr. Dorn and for the Lord to open the right doors to talk to him again.

We are and will be busy in the ministry this year. The street meetings are scheduled, and we are looking forward to each and every one. I am so excited about men being willing to come out with me to go street preaching. Please pray for the Lord to be glorified in all we do and for sinners to hear the gospel message preached.

Thank you for your faithfulness toward us and our ministry here in Germany.

May the Lord bless you; all because of Calvary

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