

Jay & Sheila German East Mission Journal

Day 1 : 3-13-2014 Count Our Blessings

With the extreme winter snow storm swept across most of U.S., with Malaysia missing flight in mind, when our flight arrive on time at Leipzig airport we gave thanks to the Lord. Thanks for your protection.

2014 G.E. Mission starts one month earlier, from 3/13 instead of mid April. So we are prepared with heavy down coat, hat, and scarf. Mentally we are prepared for the cold windy chill. Yet we stepped into the 60-degree, record-breaking warm winter in Leipzig, just like Thousand Oaks! This is another blessing. Down coat still packs inside the suitcase.

Minister Wang (王柏傳道) pick us up. Brother Ke (柯海沿) drove his SUV. Minister Wang prepare delicious dinner, stuffed the refrigerator with lots of goodies. We are so thankful for his hospitality. Minister Wang showed us downtown Leipzig and the train station and helped us get German Pass validated.

During the dinner we chatted, and were amazed to learn :

- Pastor Hong(洪立民牧師), Minister Wang (王柏傳道) , Minister Zhang (張宗榮傳道) together they are serving 8 cities, covering 4 states in Germany (that's ¼ of the all German East and West states)
- their challenge is growing pain. Babies/toddlers and children age 1-8. The number is 20 plus and still increasing. Need more Sunday school classroom and teachers.
- all these new moms would love to have parenting training.
- There are 5 fellowship groups in Leipzig.
- Last week they have around 12 brothers/sister baptized from all combined cities.
- Leipzig will have the very first Sister Fellowship meeting on the coming Saturday.