

Jay & Sheila German East Mission Journal

Day 4 : 3-16-2014 (Sunday)

Schedule: Jay shared at Braunschwig's Sunday pulpit; 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Topic: The Time Has Come (Hagai 1: 1-8)

²“Thus says the LORD of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD.” ³Then the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, ⁴“Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? ⁷“Thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways. ⁸Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the LORD.

While the brothers and sisters are dedicated to establish a “Gospel Center” in Braunschweig, Jay uses this passage from Book of Hagai and his own testimony on his early retirement encourage them. “Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified.” (Hagai1:8).

There are 16 adults and 2 children attended. Majority of attendees are believers. Usually seekers come to the Fellowship Meeting on Friday night, not the Sunday Worship.

Lessons in German Rail Experience to Share with the Mission Team Coming to Germany East

The Euro/German Rail is so famous for its punctuality! We totally relied on the time table to make the decision when to get on and get off the train since we don't understand the announcements in German.

Brother 楊旭 and his wife 咚咚 drove us to the Braunschweig Hbf. Since it was raining, we insisted there is no need for this couple to accompany us all the way to the platform, a Big mistake!

We checked the train's departure time scheduled for 5:11 pm and the platform number. Everything is correct. However, the display board was missing on this particular platform. So when a train came in the station at 5:09 pm, we boarded the train. Guessed what? The train was an ICE (Intercity City Express). When the train started, we saw the display screen inside : **Next station – Berlin**, arrival time 6:30 pm, but not Leipzig!

We found out what happened later. The train we supposed to board was delayed for 30 minutes. When the train came in at the same schedule, using the same platform, we boarded and the wrong train, worst of all it's an express one. They made announcement in German about the delay. Of course we were not able to catch that! Nevertheless, this is our first time ever in our life came to this great city – Berlin. Fortunately, there was the last train at night going to back to Leipzig 90 minutes later.

When we arrived at Leipiz at 10:15 pm, it was rained and windy. Jay and Sheila pulled a luggage along walking back to the Gospel Center, but got lost for about 45 minutes. But finally with Sheila's good sense of direction, we made "home" around 11:00 pm.