

Jay & Sheila German East Mission Journal

Date: 3-19-2014 (Wed.)

Schedule: Jay & Sheila shared at Leipzig combined fellowship

We started the fellowship with a potluck dinner. Minister & Mrs. Wang (王柏傳道/慧麗), brothers & sisters started making meals in the afternoon at the Gospel Center. Of course there is chives dish made from chives freshly picked from the field. We had wonderful conversation with brothers, sisters & some gospel-seekers.

Jay & Sheila shared their personal testimony. Then we divided into group of 3 for everyone to share “a time when you are lonely”. By sharing, we built relationship; we learned how to pray for each other. All groups have a very warm, enthusiastic sharing.

There is a new comer, just arrived in Leipzig this week. He is the 6th generation Christian in his blood family. Imagine that! It’s so appropriate for him to share his “time of loneliness”. Being in Germany the very first week, not fluent in German and had not got chances to find anyone that speaks Chinese. But now he is so happy to find and join the Leipzig Fellowship.

Then Sheila shared Mark 2:1-12 “Jesus Forgive & Heals a Paralyzed” to encourage one another to take time to develop deep loving and trusting relationship in Christ.

We noticed some changes that affect the Leipzig Fellowship.

- Most co-workers used to be students, now they are professionals and/or married with babies or kids.
- In Germany, elementary school teachers request that parents let their kids go to bed at 7:30 pm (almost mandatory).
- Young couple with kids or babies are almost impossible to attend the evening fellowship activities that take place in weekdays.
- Tonight we started with 20, and then some family with babies/kids left early.

Minister Wang after the meeting chatted with us and suggested if the Mission Team stay at a place longer, i.e. not short term mission, but rather stay for at least 4 weeks. Then we can better develop relationship with them, instead of just sharing in a meeting or giving a Sunday Worship sermon and leave.