

Jay & Sheila German East Mission Journal

Date: 3-23-2014 (Sun.)

Schedule: Jay gave sermon at Magdeburg (11:00 am) & Braunschweig (3:00 pm)

Magdeburg

We started out early morning from Leipzig Gospel Center, taking ICE for 2 hours to Megdeburg Hbf, and walking about 20 minute to the church at 10:15 am. Before the Sunday worship, Sheila joined their choir practice led by Wendy. Wendy is a wonderful and professional choir conductor in Hong Kong and music teacher at the Germany international school. Everyone enjoyed so much during the choir practice.

Jay preached the sermon "Rest for the Weary" Matt 11:28-30.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (v. 28)

By learning from Jesus' gentleness and humilkity in heart we will find rest and enjoy the rest.

There are 21 persons attended the morning service. Afterwards we had fellowship with coworkers. Then Wendy drove us to Braunschweig.

Braunschweig

The drive from Magdeburg to Braunschweig is about 1 hour. We experienced traveling on a German high way without speed limits. Some cars were traveling so fast, over 200 km/hour.

Jay preached the same sermon "Rest for the Weary" Matt 11:28-30. There are 20 adults attended.

Afterwards we left to catch the ICE train back to Leipzig to join Minister Wang Bai and brother Dong-Jie (棟杰) for dinner.

Over the dinner, we discussed further more about short-term mission and mid-term mission.

- Benefits of extending the mission trip from 2 weeks to at least 4 weeks. We can develop relationship with brothers and sisters, giving enough time for them to open up to share with us, and developing discipleship.
- Minister Wang suggested to mission team that we share our secular job experience, and how Christians can be successful professionals. Our experience as professionals is what a minister lacks and can help the young Christians and seekers.

In the same restaurant, the "president" of the 孔子院 in Leipzig was there. Wang Bai greeted her and made connections. Wang Bai had planned on weekly Chinese classes at church for quite some time, but available teachers and resources are limited. Making connections with 孔子院 may open up the church reach-out ministry as well.