

04/06/2014 German Mission in Leipzig – Reba & Wendy

Today we attended the worship in Leipzig at 3 PM. The Sunday school was scheduled for Journey of Intimacy chapter #9: “10 steps to mend relationship after fight”. We went chive harvest before the worship time since this was Wendy’s last day in Leipzig and she had not yet seen the wild chive we reported many times before.

At worship, before Elder Lu’s message, Wendy shared her testimony of getting close to God and different lives before and after. Elder Lu shared message of ‘Trust & Obey’. Reba conducted Journey of Intimacy chapter 9 in Sunday School class.

Minister Wang Bei and Dong Jei treated us dinner at the restaurant in the old train station museum. Minister Wang and Dong Jei talked about the ministry in Leipzig Chinese Christian Church over the dinner. It is summarized in below:

1. There are different needs in different locations. In Leipzig, there’s constantly good number of young seeker attendance. Minister Wang said it is difficult to get the young seekers to listen Gospel right from beginning. He thinks the young seekers are more interested in the life experiences. They seem looking for models of success stories.
2. He said they need more seminars about real life including how to deal people at work, how to purchase right insurance, care during pregnancy, parenting, marriage counseling, health care, etc. He invites more seminars around these topics. He expressed frustration from lack of experiences to deal with different issues confronted from all different phases of members’ lives like what to do when baby has fever, at what point it needs to see doctor, should they spend money on insurances.
3. He also likes us to share our experiences of success. He said although we tend to wanting to be modest, the seekers need to know the talks of Gospel are not from ignorance but from intelligent people with successes in lives. He gave example like people usually just say graduated from college, but never mention it is prestigious ones like Harvard, Yell, etc. We also tend to skip mentioning the achievements at work like holding/held high positions, scientific contributions, etc.

This is probably something we need to adjust to the particular culture in this generation of Chinese students in Germany.

After dinner Wendy said good-bye to them. Back to Gospel Center, she packed and got ready for early flight next morning. Reba accompanied Wendy left the Gospel Center 5:45 AM to catch early flight. We took the 6:20 AM tram to airport. Wendy’s luggage ended up 5 lbs over limit with all the chocolates she bought. She managed to move them to carry-on backpack. Her flight turned out oversold and she ended up with better flight direct to Munich without transfer at Frankfurt. Praise the Lord.

We saw many protests at different cities. Almost every train stations we visited had group of polices around. The strikes and protests are impacting business now. That may well be the reason for the short of tickets.

Reba will take journey to Netherland and Belgium in next couple of days. A sister in Braunschweig asked to go together, Praise the Lord for the abundant provide of this companionship.

