

# Gebetsanliegen

## A Big Sunny Hello!

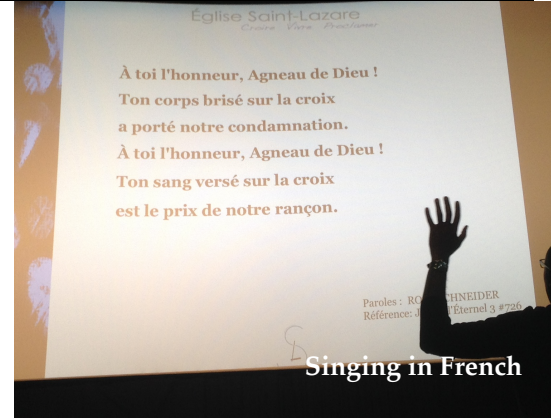
It has been a not so quiet month. South of us they have had rain and flooding but we remain dry as a bone. Today is over 90° - like totally un-normal for us in May. The school down the street is still being worked on and the promise is for the opening in Aug. We had 3 holidays and another couple of school free days along with them. The big news is that Germany came in 4<sup>th</sup> of 42 European nations in the EuroVision Song Contest. Israel won – look it up on Youtube for a scream!

## Catching up

Let's see, you have been praying... Sibylle, who I had a dream about and invited to our Stammtisch

(regular's table) was in church yesterday and said she will come to the next Stammtisch.

We had our English service yesterday. Along with her we had 5 other guests. Two were first time visitors. I talked with one of my students, an unbeliever; she thought the service was "interesting". She was surprised by modern music and how many people participated. Just about all the church members participated by praying, playing, giving a praise or prayer request. I saw the Venezuela woman in the German class at the church building this morning and she called out how sorry she was that she had forgotten. Another woman was sick.



Singing in French

We used one of the holiday weekends to take a train down to Paris. We wanted to visit some new missionaries there and also see the new church sponsored by Orchard Group. We had some extra time to find gluten free pastry shops, speak some French and stroll through the city.

## New Cultural Experience

We had a cultural experience yesterday; Klasse! Wir singen! (Class(y)! We Sing). 11 years ago a music teacher in Brunswick (20 miles east of Peine) saw the need for kids to be singing. Often music is cut in the schools, no singing with parents and no singing in church. He gets the grade schools to practice songs and then they come together and sing in a mass choir.

The director thought in 2007 when he started it that maybe 2000 to 4000 would sign up but that very first year 28,000 signed up. It grew from our area to the whole state of Lower



The Kids Choir

Saxony and now it is in 12 of the 16 states of Germany. 120,000 kids are singing in it this year. They sing a mix of songs: German folksongs, Lower German, English and from Africa. The old folksongs sing a lot about God and his creation.

So how did we end up in one

of the six performances at the Volkswagen Arena in Brunswick with a couple of thousand singing grade schoolers and their parents? Well, our Syrian "grandson" was singing so we took his parents and "uncle" to see it.

It was quite the show.

## Prayers for June

You can keep praying for our BBQs in June. For our work preparing our Reporting Trip this fall. And for the start of the new English Stammtisch. And since the USA is not in the Soccer World Cup you could root for Germany. The Cup starts in Russia in 18 days and is a true world event. Thank you for being part of our ministry, Randy