



December

Christmas has been a busy, yet effective season for this ministry from the start. Each year, we prepare bags of goodies, along with gospel tracts or calendars to be distributed to neighbors, family members, and co-workers. This year was no different. The church family happily joined together to get the gospel into our communities. Additionally, we arranged a caroling event, distributing the gospel goody bags to people who stopped to listen. The ministry team in Liechtenstein did a similar outreach in the capital city of Vaduz. Both outreach events were well-received. In December, Daniel also hosted another evangelistic book table at the local farmer's market. The book tables always yield good gospel conversations.

January

As usual, the start of the year gives us a chance to re-evaluate and re-situate. Since the yearly church-planning meeting in January, there has been a new sense of excitement for ministry from some who had not been as involved, and from others who are new to the church. Starting in January, a couple new discipleship groups were also started.

February

Early in February, the Lord gave us a special blessing. Silke, an older lady who has been visiting our church for some time, professed her faith in Jesus Christ. A married couple in the church had been meeting with her regularly to read the Bible with her. This is their first time trying to disciple someone. As you can imagine, Silke's conversion is a great encouragement to them as well as to the entire church. The church also rejoiced to accept a new member in February. A single lady, who has returned to the Lord, after several years of straying. She is being discipled and has a renewed excitement to serve the Lord.

Additionally, the church decided in February to rent an old bakery in the center of the "old city" of Leutkirch, for our evangelistic cafe'. The Cafe' has been a huge blessing, providing evangelistic or discipleship opportunities almost weekly. However, its location being inside of the church building, prevents many from coming inside. The new location at the heart of town is a much better option. The church is excited about the change!

On a sad note, February was an extremely trying time for Deana and her side of the family. Within two weeks, two of her dear Aunts passed away, followed by her father having a serious health emergency. Thankfully, with the help of a few very generous churches, Deana was able to return for 10 days to assist. The health issues with her father are ongoing, but the Lord has given him, as well as the family, much grace, and progress is being made.