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The Stedfast for Stuttgart CFC team

UPDATE: from the 'Front Lines'

by Joshua Stertz

By the time you read this article, our team of 40 Americans from 10 US states will be back home with family and friends. As I type this article, I am sitting at the desk in my hotel room here in Germany. It has been a wonderful trip working with missionaries Patrick and Christelle Jobway and folks from their two churches. The Lord gave our team the strength to distribute over 70,000 German John and Romans in about one dozen cities in and around Stuttgart. You will read several articles about this trip in the upcoming Couriers newsletters, but I have asked our team to share what their impressions of this trip have been. I am blessed by the things that the Lord has done in their lives while they are here in Europe away from their homes and routines.

"As an introvert and a pastor's wife, I am always forced outside of my bubble in many ways in the ministry. Many people equate being outgoing and vocal as being a good Christian. Of course, we must be willing to do anything God wants, but being a part of this campaign has helped reinforce that God uses all types of people to do his work. It's okay to be a quiet person...most days I was by myself or with my daughter or one other lady quietly walking the streets and spreading the word of God. I truly felt like a farmer walking the field and sowing the seed. I am happy to have been a small part of the work. To be used of God in any capacity is truly amazing."

--Rose Gipp (Lewiston, Idaho)

"This trip to Germany was truly unforgettable. It was inspiring to connect with so many passionate, like-minded people from across the country, all united by a shared mission. As this was my first trip, I arrived with no expectations, but I leave with incredible memories and excitement for the next opportunity to participate. One of the most rewarding parts was seeing people's faces light up as they realized the significance of what we were sharing with them. Witnessing those moments firsthand was something special. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be part of such a meaningful experience. I'm grateful for the connections made, the lessons learned, and the chance to contribute to something bigger than myself."

--Kimberly Quickle (Denver, Pennsylvania)

"I have been confronted with the fact that my worldview has been too small. The God we love and serve in Colorado is the same God today as in the Bible. He's the same God who gives hope to the hearts of all men through Jesus Christ. The needs of the heart are the same. The solution that brings hope is also the same. This trip has both encouraged my heart as well as challenged my thinking toward missions at home and abroad."

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Without a doubt, I would highly encourage any believer, especially those in full-time ministry, to go on one of these trips and just see what the Lord does in you and through you."

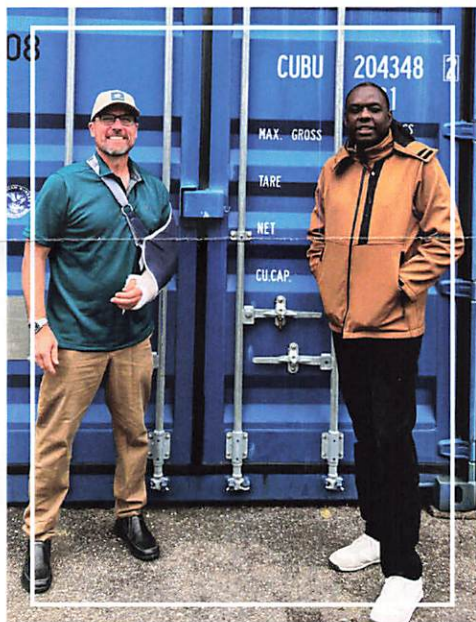
--Pastor Nathan Scholz (Colorado Springs, Colorado)

"The Stuttgart campaign was my first Couriers campaign. I had heard about past campaigns, but this trip exceeded my expectations. We worked hard to distribute John and Romans, but got to experience great food and great fellowship with the other team members and German believers. It was truly a blessing to be a part of God's work in Germany. I look forward to my next campaign with Couriers."

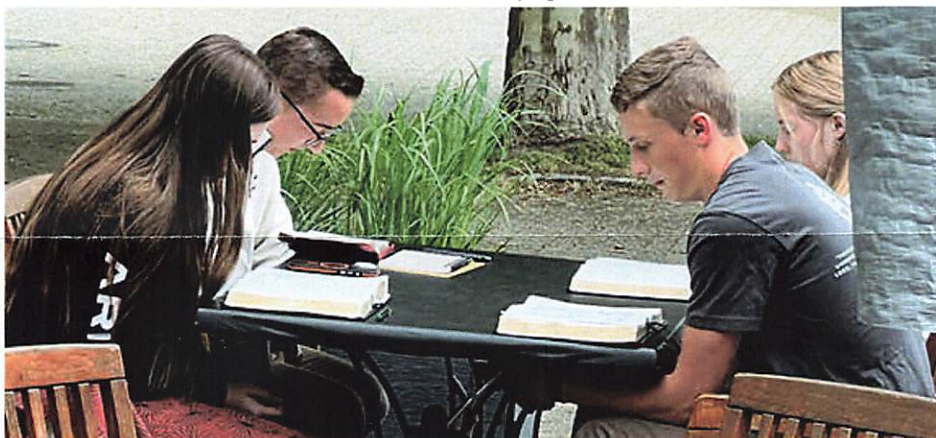
--Ron Davidson (Oshkosh, Wisconsin)



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Josh and Patrick Jobway



Young team members having devotions before starting the day



Kelli helping load vans, so thankful for the many BPS Seedline churches



A first ever for CFC: the choir singing for about 45 minutes while others distributed to onlookers and passers by



The young people from Open Door Baptist Church were a tremendous blessing.

"The recent campaign I participated in with Baptist Couriers for Christ was a truly rewarding missions experience. Every aspect of the ministry was centered on God's word and focused on reaching people with the gospel. This is not a sightseeing tour or a vacation; it is an opportunity to labor alongside faithful missionaries on their fields of service and make a meaningful impact for Christ. If you are seeking a genuine missions experience that will challenge and strengthen your faith, I wholeheartedly recommend Baptist Couriers for Christ."

--Pastor Elias Correa (North Fort Myers, Florida)

If you are interested in joining Couriers for Christ on a future campaign or outreach, please keep an eye on couriersforchrist.com for the list of (and applications for) upcoming opportunities. If you feel the Lord impressing on your heart to work alongside our team on the foreign field for the furtherance of the gospel, we would love to have you!

"Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God...."

- 1 Corinthians 3:8,9 -



Sam Navratil from Ohio--a hard worker and a great asset to A-Team



Dakota Powell preaching for morning team meeting



Pete and Keri enjoying the delicious food in Germany



Teresa Fishgrab stuffing another box



Dick Ives--long time friend of CFC-- leading the song service during our daily team meetings



John Meyer and Pastor Nathan Scholz working logistics for the day



Judy Rodriguez--a joy to have on the trip



Arika Scherzer with Don after stuffing John and Romans with invites for the next day of mailbox distribution



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