

# the latest

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## >pondering

Over the last month or so, I (Ben) have been mulling over the theme of perspective – my perspective on everyday life in general, how that makes me act, react and interact. And I think, *does it all boil down to the matter of perspective, or is that just my perspective?* This past month, I was at a men's Bible Study at Don's (our friend and team member) place and we were discussing I Thessalonians. The theme came up again. We are encouraged to always be joyful, to always be praying, and to always be thankful no matter what (I Th. 5:16-18). But why? Think about it. Ponder it. Question it. Why is Paul encouraging us in this? After wrestling with these short yet challenging encouragements, I've concluded that it relates to the view that we have on our life, on our perspective, on how we interact with the happenings of our days. To sharpen a correct perspective on life centers on these three intentional choices, I believe: living with joy (pursuing joy and not happiness), praying as pivotal (seeking God's view and outlook), and having a constant gratitude (valuing the truly valuable). Naturally, these three encouragement are enormously tough, but then again, I believe them to be tremendously imperative...

## >picture



*Feinkost Cooking Evening! Here is a picture of the ladies enjoying their self-made Ecuadorian meal*

## >praise

--We thank God for our mission team, and praise God that we are all here to serve God and seek and live out His will and vision for us here in northeastern Germany – pray with us that we will continue to define and sharpen our focus and vision, to effectively move forward...

--We thank God for Feinkost, the new women's ministry, and the wonderful new opportunities it is providing for ladies to come together, get to know each other better, and possibly get to know God better! – the picture above is from the monthly cooking evenings, where they learn to cook different dishes from different countries...

--We thank God for YOU!, our family and friends who support us and pray for us...

## >prayer

--Please pray with us for our Freischwimmer church-plant – please pray with us, that God would guide us to the right place to rent (for Sundays and/or to have throughout the week), as we know we need to move out from meeting in our apartment (for good reasons!) – please pray with us for our new "regulars", two ladies, including one who has **recently made a decision for Christ!** – please pray for our core team, that we would move forward in boldness...

--Please pray with us for the Galerie Kunstschwimmer – we had a fantastic turnout for the opening of our current exhibition a couple of weeks ago! – please pray for us as we use the gallery to connect with people...

--Please pray for our physical health, as we are all battling different sicknesses, especially Hannah – pray for quick recoveries and God's healing touch...

--Please pray for our team and churches, that we would be unified and driven forward together: Don & Sarah Jones (Open Door Gemeinde), Jerry & Shelly Kragt (team leaders & leadership development), Steve & Karen Mack (Berlin International Church) – and for the Chinese Alliance Church (led by John & Hoiling Poon)...

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