

# the latest

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## >pondering

Thanks for praying for us for English Camp! After lots of prayer, planning and preparation, 20 teenagers (mostly from the northeastern part of Germany) enjoyed a fantastic week of Camp with us! God provided all the energy we needed to not only simply “staff” and lead the camp, but we all connected very well with so many of the campers – friendships that are proving to last longer than one simple week together. Our staff (including the ICE team from Crown College, MN) was very fun to work with, and it was a great pleasure for me (Ben) to work with them and lead them, with help from Karissa, our intern. Sarah did a smashing job in the kitchen with our good friend Lea (from Freischwimmer), and had helping hands also from Natalie, our other intern. Our faithful veteran, Katie, returned for her 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive Camp as teacher & counselor. More importantly, we were able to keep our focus on why we were there, and who was really in the spotlight. God was the imperative presence at Camp, as many of the teens (and staff!) were impacted positively in their personal interactions with God – a big testimony to their living in community with others and seeing a great example of faith in Christ being fleshed out through our staff. Thanks so much for praying for us – we were all able to see God work as our Provider, our Healer, our Protector, our Strength and our Wisdom. Pray with us, however, that we would be able to continue in our interaction with the teens, encouraging them to carry on further in their journey with God – whether they are at a camp with us or not...

## >picture

*English Camp 2010 – Speak English!*



## >praise

--We thank God for providing us with the strength and energy we need to make it through the extremely fun, yet extremely busy, month of July, culminating in the exciting English Camp (see above & check out our blog too!) – praise God for His faithfulness and love...

--We thank God for another encouraging LEGO-brunch, some surprisingly well-attended summer church services (when numbers are usually particularly low), and further possible developments in finding a new meeting place for Freischwimmer...

--We thank God for YOU, our family & friends who make it possible for us to be here through your prayers and giving...

## >prayer

--Please pray with us for our Freischwimmer church-plant – summer is a rough time for any church in Berlin, but we have continued to meet and this has proved to be very encouraging and beneficial! – pray for our home group/small group setting during the week, as we look at improving this area of our ministry – pray with us as we prepare for using a new room for Sunday meetings: an old church building in a key location! – please pray for “Still Sunday”, a monthly evening international service starting Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> in and with cooperation with a local church) – please pray for strength, focus and a strong commitment for our core team...

--Please pray with us for our team and churches as we transition out of the summer months: Jerry & Shelly Kragt (team leaders & helping at Freischwimmer – with Katie, Anna & Jason); Don & Sarah Jones (home assignment in State College, PA – with Daen & Jenna), and for Open Door Gemeinde (their leadership team), Chinese Alliance Church (John & Hoiling Poon) and Berlin International Church (Steve & Karen Mack)...

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