



April - June 2012

Dear Friends,

warm greetings from Norway where spring has come very early. Even though our winter was milder and shorter than normal, we are nevertheless thankful for increasing daylight and rising temperatures.

Since our grandson Simon was born on November 23rd, we have had a few opportunities to enjoy watching him grow and develop. Two observations have particularly stirred my thinking:

In the first few weeks and months Simon is completely dependent and needs all round care. Yet – even in his helplessness we find him cute, are glad to have him with us, love giving him our attention. All this even though he can't express gratitude or do anything to 'pay us back'. In fact, there is something about his very neediness that attracts us.

Does this not also reflect God's attitude towards us?

Weakness, incapability and dependence on our part attract God's mercy and care. He does not base His appreciation on our achievements or productivity, rather His heart is moved towards us exactly because He sees us in our total helplessness: "As a father has compassion on his

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children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust." (Psalm 103:14.15)

By now Simon has begun to respond when we address him, he smiles. We all think him gorgeous; we relish his attentiveness even though it by no means represents an 'adult' response. The mere fact that he recognizes us and returns our attention warms our hearts.

Does this not also reflect God's feelings towards us?

Our gratitude is only partly adequate, our worship and praise are imperfect and don't express all that God deserves in acknowledgement, honour and reverence. Our various acts of service often fall short of Biblical standards in terms of heart attitude and practical execution – and yet God values our genuine desire to live for Him, do His will and promote His work.



When we as (grand)parents respond to our (grand)children in this way, how much more, and more deeply, must God feel - He who is the perfect parent?

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Mercy Ministry

Important Dates:

- 10th – 13th April
Consultation days with a YWAM couple working in Chile
- 27th April – 1st May
Günter and Ulrike teach a course entitled “Goal-oriented Living” in Zingst (Northern Germany)
- 5th May
A meeting with leaders from various social spheres (Cologne)
- 21st May
Simone’s oral exam, her final step in becoming a qualified singing teacher

Otherwise we will keep our diaries open to accommodate the changes and challenges connected to our move

Essential Prayer Points:

- The Lord’s protection and good health for our family of 6
- God’s tangible presence and confirmation on the seminar in Zingst
- His clear guidance and wisdom for the search and purchase of a flat in Oslo; financial blessing for the move and the start in our new surroundings
- Wider international distribution of Günter’s books, e.g. through new translations
- A successful final exam for Simone and a good job afterwards
- An increasing scope of Michael’s business contacts

Ministry and Family

While this past winter was not quite as challenging as previous ones, we were happy to fill up on some Spanish sunshine in February. Once again Pastor Juan Lopez-Cano arranged a holiness conference in his church in Madrid. This time Günter and John Shiver from the USA were invited as guest speakers. The church has experienced rapid growth, from about 120 people attending regularly a year ago to more than 1000 recently. We neither speak nor understand Spanish; but whenever we visit, we are deeply touched by the warmth and earnestness we encounter with the people of the church.

These days Madrid is a field ripe for spiritual harvest.

At home in Kolonien 6 the first signs of an impending move are beginning to appear. We have just accepted an offer on our house from a YWAM family and are very glad to pass on the property to them and begin to look for a place in Oslo – it’s exciting. Again we see that God’s call on our lives requires a willingness to remain mobile, while at the same time growing roots and creating a home when we reach the next destination. This does not get any easier as we grow older, but we face it with the confidence of faith.

During the past few weeks we have been considering what our transition into another role might look like. With our move to Oslo we will no longer be directly connected to a YWAM base, quite a change after 34 years, and possibly a bigger one than we can imagine right now. After handing back a line-leader role with responsibility for staff Ulrike is hoping to revive and renew her coaching skills, in order to offer them to the support and development of people in the contexts of local church and the newly forming YWAM team in the city.

Günter is looking forward to opportunities of contact with people in various prayer- and revival initiatives. And the closer proximity to our children is a wonderful additional gift!

Simone has just heard that she possibly has to move again in the summer because the landlord wants to renovate. As she is in the middle of exam preparations, this adds significantly to her stress level and creates some insecurity. May we ask you to include her in your prayers?

Apart from our work in and for Norway we of course continue with our international ministry. You as friends and supporters are such a blessing and help – THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!

With best wishes in Christ –

Günter and Ulrike