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Dear friends,

after summer break we've got some news for you. There is a lot to report! Here we go.

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MY TIME IN NEW ZEALAND » Part 2: Anja (photo, right)

It has been almost half a year now that God put the dream about New Zealand into my heart. I would never have dreamed »then« that I would be sitting on a beach somewhere in New Zealand on my birthday (21st of February). THANK YOU once again—thanks to all of you who contributed to making this dream come true!!

One week after my birthday the »Radical Evangelism School« started. There were about 30 students and a strong team who supported David and Jodi Pierce in organising and leading the school. None of us really knew what would be expecting us, not only because we were coming from various countries but also from different church backgrounds and motivations.

My personal motivation was that I wanted to collect more knowledge and make more experiences in the field of evangelisation and mission, and because I wanted to use this special time for my personal growth in faith and in my relationship to God.

The school consisted of three days of lessons which were really intense, so we were given enough time to run over the things once more, to pray about them, to think and to practice. There were chances to practice on Saturday evenings when the whole posse went to Wellington to the »underground scene«. We had many different conversations, prayed for and about people and made contacts to the various local churches in order to »place« the people into caring hands afterwards.



We had a number of encounters with gang guys, too, as the gang scene is still running high in New Zealand, and thus we got to know some tough fates and personalities...

One truly great thing was that we got to know a group of people at a school who used to belong to different gangs (doing drugs, crime, violence), who had come to know Jesus and who are burning and "fighting" for his kingdom. It was very encouraging and we were even able to do an outreach in the streets with them... and it rocked!

The topics during the lessons were about quite practical things like »How to put together a good team«, »what is good leadership all about?« but also about very personal things like »how to develop strength in character and emotions«, »competitive thinking and pride«, »devotion and humbleness«...

Again and again we talked about the character of God, because looking at God and knowing more of His truth will finally make us reach the goal and

which keeps us from legalism, conceit and competitive thinking.

Especially precious to me were the Fridays, our »free days« that had been reserved for personal quiet times with God and for prayer. God pulled me closer to his heart during these times and showed me once again how He sees me, the freedom I have in Him and He showed me wrong things I believed about Him. That was very intense for me, but it was wonderfully precious, too!

Regarding my future, my vision of working in the (foreign) mission was strengthened and I understood that I should not hurry things but take my own time during which God will prepare and train me... Therefore I plan to take up studies at the Institute for Church Planting and World Mission. I'd very much like to continue being involved with Steiger and I'm already very excited about how that will be and what the new LIFT will bring about...

So long — *Anja*

STEIGER IN KARLSRUHE

LIFT » 13 new LLIFT students have arrived. Our house is more than full...

Schleuse » Finally... The Schleuse has been split, a new seedling has been planted so there is more space for growth. Our co-workers Heike and Anja are living with five of the new LIFT students in the east of Karlsruhe now. It is relatively far away from the Hirschstrasse where the Schleuse is. It is too far to walk. But it is a nice and big flat that God has given us.

STEIGER IN GERMANY

Speaking Tour » Jodie and David Pierce are coming to do a Speaking Tour in Germany from 13th of November to 4th of Dezember in order to report on the experiences they made during the NLM tour.

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* A very hearty welcome to three new members of staff at Steiger in Karlsruhe! They are Sebastian Semmling (he has been living here since January and was an intern at Pleitegeier), Anja Büttner (LIFT 2004/05) and Caro. All three of them are living at the Schleuse.

* Iris Graf is called Iris Eifert now and has become the wife of Steffen. Both have moved out of the Schleuse and are taking a year off after their wedding. We congratulate them and share their happiness.

STEIGER INTERNATIONAL

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Dear Steiger Europe

Before the concert in Sanok, Poland, Luke (our drummer) spotted a punk that he saw in another concert. He was sitting with a group of other punks so Luke started talking to all of them. He told them where he was from and said some of the Polish words that he had learned.

They thought that it was funny and he was feeling quite pleased with himself thinking, »cool, I'm talking to the crazy punks guys.« But then one of them offered him some of the wine he was

drinking. »Drink with us.« he said. »Oh, no thank you.« he answered. »No you must, we want you to.«

»But I don't want to« he said. Then the guy stood up and pulled out a big knife and said »If you don't drink I'll kill you!« At that point Luke started to get a bit worried, suddenly not feeling so smart. »Look, I'm not a very good drummer as it is and if I get drunk I won't be able to play at all and then there will be no concert.« When the punks heard this they all started to laugh and the big punk put his knife away.

This is just an example of the heavy crowd that came to the concert. The large crowd that gathered was so crazy we told the girls not to leave the stage because there were many drunk punks and skinheads dancing aggressively in front of the stage.

During our concert I represent Jesus and I am killed with a knife and put into a coffin. Then I break out of the coffin to show how Jesus rose from the dead. I then jump off the stage into the crowd and start to preach.

During this concert while I told them they didn't have to listen to lies anymore and that Jesus could set them free, many in the crowd screamed and swore at me. In fact my translator had to get away from all the hecklers so he could hear me because they were screaming so loud. But I felt such an authority from Jesus that it didn't really bother me.

I invited those who wanted to give their lives to kneel with me. More than 50 people knelt in the dirt that night to ask Jesus into their lives including 3 of the punks that had threaten Luke with the knife! We also gave away 40 bibles and Filipe, a young Polish church planter who attended our school in New Zealand said it opened many doors for the new church he plans on starting in that city.

During our evangelistic tour in Poland we brought the message of the Gospel to 9 cities and to more than 4.450 people in hardcore secular venues. 670 people asked Jesus into their lives for the first time and many others rededicated their lives to Jesus.

I am writing now in the middle of our German evangelistic tour and I have much more to tell you in my next newsletter.

Thank you for your financial & prayer support that makes it possible for the love of Jesus to be proclaimed to those who have never heard before!

For this lost generation

David & Jodi Pierce

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PRAY WITH US!

Karlsruhe:

* Please pray for the new LIFT students, co-workers and our new guest Benji.

International:

* Please pray for Filipe and others we have worked with in Poland and Germany on this tour. Pray that God will continue to guide their steps as they follow up and begin to build relationship with those that have been reached.

* Pray for our US speaking tour that begins in September; this tour is very important as we raise funds for the up-coming tour to Brazil later in the fall.

* Pray for Luke and the other NLM team members, that they would be healthy and their financial needs be met.



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