

# steiger

## NEWSLETTER № 3-2006

### Dear friends,

have you noticed the arrival of spring? Some of us may even happen to develop spring time emotions – on Easter Monday, Johannes Vorherr (leader of the LIFT school) and Annedore got married. We congratulate them and wish them all the best! God bless them. Johannes moved out of the Schleuse.

Lydia

### STEIGER IN KARLSRUHE

**Schleuse** » We are very grateful to God for answering our prayers again and again! Because Bernd and the builders (Lydia & Joel) and other companies have given us so much support we are happy to tell you about our completely new central water supply (cold and hot water).

Our next project is the renovation of the cellar. We need it in order to have services etc. there. The meeting room seems to be shrinking. We are happy about any kind of financial support.

**VW bus** » Unfortunally our nice, green, old VW bus keeps refusing to get started... so we'll have to say good bye soon. We have been offered an old Renault Espace – we are glad that we will be able to buy it at low costs.

**Winter tea-parties** » In the period of October to April we held four tea-parties in our cellar, which proved to be a good venue. It was cosy and warm – a nice place to warm up. Some people were drawn in by our little band who played in our drive.

Here is a short report from Hanna: »While we were distributing the last flyers for the tea-party, we met three Goths. They said they were not from Karlsruhe and had planned to go to a club tonight. But because they did not know their way around they had given up the search and simply came with us. They stayed long at

the tea-party and I was able to explain a lot about Jesus and the difference between good and evil. Some anecdotes from my life went well with their current situation. I am grateful to God that he warned them once more and stopped them from becoming part of that scene.«

**LIFT** » With this newsletter you have received the new LIFT-flyer. You are welcome to pass it on or to put it on display in your church. You can order more here (in English, too).

»During my studies I realized that I do not only want to think about God by the by. Always other stuff was more important. Exams, friends, everything. So I started to look for a possibility to have some time out in order to focus on God. Some time to readjust my position towards him, to ask him where to go next and some time to be really changed by him.

During the time I spent at the discipleship school I met God on totally new ways and I was able to learn more about his character. He has started to change me in many issues, in my views and habits. Furthermore I was able to learn anew things I had already known theoretically and I had the surroundings to practise what I had learned, too.

I can recommend LIFT to anyone who feels that there just has to be more. More of God, more with God, more for God. LIFT is offering the perfect environment in which you are supported and demanded personally. Moreover, there are many chances to talk and to pray within a close community. « \_\_Johannes, 23

### STEIGER IN PFORZHEIM

The hottest news about Steiger Pforzheim can be found at » [www.steigerpf.de](http://www.steigerpf.de) So surf by and have look!

Steiger Pforzheim's prayer group takes plays on Tuesdays, starting 7 pm. This

meeting is mainly about prayer, worship and intercession. We have a list with (personal) issues for intercession. In order to avoid that every meeting is the same we have weekly topics like narrative maps, visuals, drum'n'bass, photographic explorations, Silence, prayer journal etc., or the individual teams like the AlfiTeam and the EventTeam are in charge of the night. Furthermore we recently had talks from Dr. Bill Becknell and Dr. Peter Ender.

The party on New Year's Eve has become a tradition with Steiger Pforzheim. The last turning of the years was celebrated by about 50 Steigers and friends under the motto of »Bad Taste« – dress as bad as you can! Besides a rich buffet there were various points of programme such as performing arts, worship and testimonials, fire works and disco until the cows came home. We are looking forward to the next New Year's party!

### STEIGER IN GERMANY

**We at yours** » We are happy to present our ministry in churches, groups, or at events. We can e.g. make an evening of it with music, a sermon, multimedia etc. and pass on some of the things God has put into our hearts. Otherwise you can invite us to do sermons, presentations of our ministry etc.

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### NEWS

\* Melissa and David Mettler's application for their visa is currently at the Regierungspräsidium – until a definite decision has been made they are allowed to stay in Germany. We are going to fight this »chargeable process« through because we think it can be a model process for the future.

\* Gabi Klohr who used to lead the ministry in India and her husband Dirk are coming back from the *Radical Missions and Leadership Training School* in New Zealand. They are looking for a flat in Germany and they are expecting their first child.

\* The Sengle family (Michael is the leader of Steiger Karlsruhe) have had their second baby on the 14th of April – welcome to their daughter Malia! We are very happy about this Steiger baby!

## STEIGER INTERNATIONAL

May 2006

Dear Steiger Europe

» Just tell the students they can leave if they don't want to ask Jesus into their lives.« I was told. They didn't want them to be pressured by an altar call. I was speaking in a public high school in Sydney, Australia and I was told that I had about 15 minutes to speak.

In came 40 students which pretty much filled the classroom and I was a little nervous because they were younger than the crowd I'm used to speaking to and I was hoping that what I had prepared to say wouldn't be too intense for them.

I didn't really know what else to do so I gave my prepared talk anyway. » I am going to act out our band for you.« I said. And I told them to imagine a chainsaw cutting through a wall and I yelled and screamed and mimicked the opening of one of our concerts. I then explained who Jesus is and why He died for us. That only He can fill the emptiness that we feel.

The whole time that I was giving my talk, I had a running battle in my head. Thoughts like »What you are saying is so stupid« or »Your talk is totally wrong for this group« or »Nobody is going to respond to this.« The thoughts were so strong and loud in my mind while I was speaking that it was difficult for me to stay concentrated on what I was saying.

When I finished my talk I said, »If you want to give your life to Jesus I want you to stay here with me in the classroom and everyone else is free to leave.«

I waited and nobody left. So the guy who organized the meeting stood up and told them again they were free to leave and thanked them for coming. After that only about 5 people left and the rest stayed.

So I invited everyone in the classroom to stand up with me and we made a tight circle together. Then all the students in the room asked Jesus to come into their lives!! After that a couple of youth leaders from different churches that were there told them about youth groups in their area that they could be involved in. Afterwards I gave away a box of books (my book *Rock Priest*) and then the students had to go to their next class.

I have been doing this for 26 years and it is still a battle. I have to go through so much self-doubt, insecurity, and anxiety every time I speak. So many young people are being destroyed by the world's lies and they deserve to hear that Jesus loves them. So I guess I shouldn't be surprised that it's a battle because Satan hates it when the gospel is preached. That's why we need your prayers. So we won't be deterred by the battle and we can continue to proclaim the good news!!

The *Steiger Radical Missions and Leadership Training School* on the Kapiti Coast in New Zealand is really going great. We have students attending from Brazil, USA, Germany, Finland, England, Poland and New Zealand. We are so excited how God is going to use these radical young evangelists and church planters to proclaim the gospel throughout the world.

I have just returned from Christchurch, New Zealand. I spoke in several churches there, gave a seminar for Christian Artists and Musicians, and preached at an open air meeting in Cathedral Square. Many people responded in the meetings and 4 people knelt publicly in Cathedral Square asking Jesus into their lives!! Many more came to Jesus in the crowd and are being followed up on by local churches.

Many people, young and old, all over the world, are hearing for the first time that Jesus loves them because of your faithful support.

### For this lost generation

David & Jodi Pierce

## PRAY WITH US!

### Karlsruhe

\* For new and good housing. God's leading and wisdom as we are looking for lodgings.

\* that Melissa and David Mettler will receive their visa soon

\* for the preparations of the new LIFT discipleship school

### International

\* Please continue to pray for Jodi as she leads the Steiger Radical Missions and Leadership School. With 40 students and staff involved from 8 countries its quite a job!

\* We ONLY need 4 more sponsors to cover scholarships we have given in the school. One scholarship is 3.000 NZ dollars (approx 2.000 US dollars) which covers all school costs, board and room for the entire school for one student.

\* Pray for us as we begin to organize upcoming evangelistic tours in Europe, USA and South America later this year. I will tell you more in my next newsletter.



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