

# steiger

## NEWSLETTER № 5-2006

### Dear friends,

*it's about time for a new newsletter! A lot of things have happened recently and we're happy to share our news with you. So make yourself comfortable, have a nice cup of tea and enjoy what's new in Karlsruhe.*

*Blessings and salutations, Lydia*

### STEIGER IN KARLSRUHE

**Schleuse party** » On the 2nd of September we celebrated the 5th anniversary of our house "Schleuse" here in Karlsruhe with an open doors party. We wanted to thank everybody who supported us financially, in prayer and practically, e.g. by handicrafts. We wanted to draw some attention to our ministry, too, and invited the neighbours.

About fifty people were around that day and we were able to take good care of them. We invited them to coffee and cakes and presented the different aspects of our ministry. They were free to wander around the house and look at everything, and even try some practical stuff (like hammering a nail into a log – a "station" presented by the construction team). For dinner we had delicious foods from countries where Steiger is actively involved. After that we had a celebration service with a sermon on gratitude and chill out time with our Jazz band.

All in all it was a very nice day that enabled us, too, to see what God has done during these past five years. We had a good time of fellowship with people who had always wanted to have a look at the Schleuse, our families, neighbours and strangers from the street.

(Melle)

**LIFT** » On the 4th of September we premiered: our first international LIFT has taken off. It is a good beginning with

one student from Poland, one from the States and four Germans – let's see what God will make of this?! After the break we had as a team, the school routine has become normal again and we're glad that we get along quite well (in spite of occasional misunderstandings due to the language skills). We're excited to see what God will do in the following LIFT months and we hope that it will be a special time in the life of all our students, a time to meet God in a very special and intense way.

**LIFT 07** » We need your help in advertising our new LIFT discipleship school, starting in March 2007. If you know young adults who want to take some time out with God and grow in their faith as they live in the company of other Christians, hand them the flyer we have enclosed. Please distribute the flyers in your church, too. You can order more flyers at our office.

**Cellar** » Thanks to the busybody Joel and other helpers, our cellar is fit for use again. We had a 24/7 prayer there recently and we can have our services and tea parties there again, too. We are very grateful for this nice room!

**Error** » In the big summer break there was a mix up and we skipped the last english newsletter. Sorry!! You can download the complete newsletter 06-04 at » [www.steigerdeutschland.de](http://www.steigerdeutschland.de).

### STEIGER IN PFORZHEIM

**gute töne** » That was a music festival in Pforzheim at the 15th/16th of September. We organised the tea tent there and Wittenbergh (Iljas band) played on Saturday.

**Alfi-Mobile** » This summer we have been out and about on the Landfahrerplatz with the children's programme

Alfi-Mobile twelve times. About 20 children (average) came to Alfi each time. During the summer holidays we had a break. From the 9th of September on Alfi starts again and we'll have a summer party on the 23rd of September ... and the children love their Alfi!

**kickoff2006** » Together with the local Baptist church we offered a screening of the world cup games along with a bistro, bet office and prizes. The fever pitch rose more and more during the world cup summer and the German team was cheered a lot ... we congratulate the winner of the hearts ... and the winner of the world cup, Italy!

**Gruschtelmarkt Pforzheim** » This is one of the biggest car boot markets in the south of Germany. We had a sales pavilion and a separate pavilion with sofas and shows of our Guitar Heroes. It fitted the atmosphere very well.

### STEIGER IN GERMANY

**Tour Dates of Jodie & David Pierce** » David and Jodi Pierce will be travelling Europe from the 1st of November until the 3rd of December in order to speak in churches. Look for the dates at » [www.steigerdeutschland.de](http://www.steigerdeutschland.de)

**STEIGER AMP 2006 1 – 5 November in Pforzheim** » *Steiger days for an amplified life with God and evangelisation.*

You want ... your life to be amplified and that God uses you more to make Himself known to the people. Then be part of ... the STEIGER AMP 2006! Teachings and workshops, music and concerts, prayer and worship, arts and culture, action and evangelistic outreaches are waiting for you. Speakers will be David and Jodi Pierce, Mark Johnson and other staff and friends of Steiger.

Info and registration at » [www.steigeramp.com](http://www.steigeramp.com).

## NEWS

\* Next spring Bryce and Kate Gilmore and their children will move from New Zealand to Karlsruhe and establish the International Office of Steiger International. We are very honoured :-). They need intercession regarding visa and accommodation, please pray with us. We will tell you more about the responsibilities of the International Office in our next newsletter.

## STEIGER INTERNATIONAL

September 2006

Dear Steiger Europe

We waited silently at an outdoor amphitheater as the call to prayer coming from the tower of a Mosque across the street was finished. As I waited, I felt the oppression of Islam like a heavy cloud, a dark, evil presence keeping the people blind. At the same time I felt God's broken heart for these people, how upset He was that so many people are being held like slaves.

We were in Selcuk, Turkey located near the ruins of ancient Ephesus. The police would not allow our video crew to interview people before the concert. Whenever the crew tried, the police would come and shut them down. The entire night would be a fight!

I hadn't slept much the night before because I was so depressed. We had just played in a hotel by the sea in Kusadasi. Right before the part of the concert where we show how Jesus was resurrected from the dead, the manager of the hotel jumped on stage and ended the show. I laid on the stage and felt so discouraged. I couldn't understand why God would bring us here only to be shut down at the most important point in the show.

Despite this frustration, Rufael, part of the Polish camera crew, realized that God was protecting us. The rest of the team realized it too: if the show was too extreme for a hotel, where the audience was mostly westerners, then it would have to be changed when performed in front of an entirely Muslim crowd. While the overall message would remain the same, we felt God calling us to adjust the performance.

Our next show started as the call to

prayer from the nearby Mosque ended. The young Muslim audience was captivated by the concert. As we played, more and more people came to the amphitheater so that it was nearly full by the time we showed the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus!

After the concert I invited people to come to a high point on the edge of the amphitheater so our band could talk with them. Many gathered around us as I explained to them clearly who Jesus is and why He is not just a prophet, but the son of God. It was at this point that an undercover policeman tried to stop me. But Dave Wilson, the tour organizer and my translator, urged me to continue. The policeman kept walking through the middle of the group, trying to disrupt us; when this didn't work he started to argue with Dave. Finally Dave told me that I should take everyone who wanted to talk outside of the amphitheater and onto the street.

I told everyone gathered around us that if they wanted to know more they should follow us outside. Despite harassment by the police, many young people followed us to hear more about the message that we had presented in the show. For the next hour the band spoke with those who came, sharing who Jesus was and what He did for them. I talked with three Muslim guys, all in their 20's, who were visibly touched. I prayed for them and they thanked me over and over again.

The police told Dave Wilson that we were not allowed to pass out any literature, but again, he told us to do it anyway. Then he said that he needed to "disappear" for a while because of the police. While he was gone we handed out more than 300 gospel tracts and many heard the truth about God's love for them.

The next day, a young Muslim man came to Dave Wilson and gave his life to Jesus. Many other lives were impacted, and Dave said it was the most powerful night that they had experienced all year. We were very encouraged by what God did that night.

I am really challenged by the enormous stronghold Islam has over Turkey and so many other countries. I believe God is asking us to be more involved in the Muslim world, but this tour revealed how much we have to learn. We need to hear from God what our future plans

should be. In the next few newsletters I will elaborate more on all the amazing work that God did during our recent tour in Poland, Germany, and Turkey.

## For this lost generation

David & Jodi Pierce

Steiger International Inc, NLM

PS. Our son Aaron was married on September 2nd in Minneapolis to Jennifer Devine. A girl he met at Bethel University. Please pray for them.

## PRAY WITH US!

### Karlsruhe

\* Visa and accommodation for the Gilmore family  
\* for the preparations of the AMP

### International

\* Dave Wilson has asked us to consider starting a full time Steiger base in Istanbul where we would partner with him and his team. Please join us as we pray about this possibility  
\* Pray for Jodi and I as our evangelistic speaking tour in Brazil approaches this October. We need to raise 2.000 USD to cover the expenses of this tour.  
\* Pray for our personal support. An increase of about 1.500 USD in regular monthly support would allow us the freedom to fully pursue the evangelistic opportunities God is opening up for us.



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