

COUNTRY PRAYER FOCUS

MAKING "...RIVERS IN THE DESERT."
Isaiah 43:19

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Prayer Focus: Germany



Capital City: Berlin

Government: Christian Democratic/Social Democratic Coalition (since March 2018)

Population: 80,594,017 (est. July 2017)

Major People Groups: German 91.5%, Turkish 2.4%, **Other:** 6.1% (Polish, Italian, Romanian, Syrian, Greek)

Religion: Catholic 29%, Protestant 27%, Islam 5.5%, no confession 35%, small groups 1.5%

Spiritual Climate:

A year ago the climate in Germany was described in this document as changing and warming up spiritually after decades of atheism (in the former GDR) and the slow declining of belief in Jesus Christ in the west. Several signs are pointing to Germans once again looking for spiritual direction and waiting for the Christian churches to provide it. Unfortunately, the message heard is more often tolerance and fear based on political correctness. Often professing believers are labeled "fundamentalists".

So it is the task of these mature Christians to proclaim what they believe in a clear, open minded manner that will be understood by others who are being pulled and distracted by meaningless proclamations and worldly pursuits. The real question to answer is how to fill the emptiness experienced by more and more influential people (as well as many others) in Germany.

As our German colleague and Dresden Initiative Director has said,

"For a long time all the esoteric doctrines had and still have a great influence in society. But with all the (mainly) Muslim immigrants coming to Germany and all the discussions about their strong faith, many Germans start to think about a Christian basis to society and personal belief in Jesus Christ." ~ Christoph v.Mohl

An ME group in Wittenberg Germany (M. Luther) during the 2016 Impact Tour.



Dresden Initiative

In addition to Christoph and Karin there are now four other couples who work together as a team to implement a growing strategy that is helping influential Germans – most of whom would claim to be Christians -actually become followers of Christ. Monthly "Open Bible" studies in Berlin have gathered business owners, bankers, artists, doctors and professors to a time of spiritual discovery in God's Word. Another step is hosting weekend retreats (Good News in Nice Places) for a growing network of contacts to build trusting relationships and hear more about how to begin a personal relationship with Jesus.

Prayer Requests

*Christoph is meeting with a group of 4-8 other men who are thinking and praying about strategies to re-introduce Christian thinking back into German society. This starts with framing Christian concepts in a positive way as relevant and uplifting. Pray for a wider opportunity to practice this.

*Pray for politicians, who are professing believers, to clearly stand for Christ.

*April 13 – 15 Christoph and Karin are organizing another retreat called "Good News in Nice Places" where groups of 20-25 gather to learn about and discuss the Christian faith.

*A meeting of the Order of St. John is being held in Berlin on April 21. This historic group of men gather regularly and Christoph has been positioned to help bring spiritual guidance and focus to the group.

*Dresden Initiative has connected with a growing Catholic movement called "Mission Manifest" (www.missionmanifest.online) supporting the spread of the gospel through evangelistic strategies. This has opened the door for a personal meeting with the local Bishop and future plans to work together. Pray for good cooperation with this initiative from the Lutheran Church as well.

*Karin leads a women's Bible Study that is attracting more participants. Pray for wisdom as they expand.

*May 26 is Global Outreach Day. Pray for Christoph as he helps coordinate this event with the founder, Werner Nachtigall, and a small group.

*ELIJAH 21 continues to reach Muslim immigrants with presentations of the Jesus Film.