

COUNTRY PRAYER FOCUS

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



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Prayer Focus: Germany



Capital City: Berlin
Government: Federal Parliamentary Republic
Population: Population: 80,722,792 (July 2016 est.) The World Factbook
Major People Groups: German 91.5%, Turkish 2.4%, Other 6.1% (Polish, Italian, Romanian, Syrian, Greek)
Religion: 30% Catholic, 27% Protestant/Lutheran, 4.5% Muslim, 3.6% other, 36% no confession

Spiritual Climate: Germany was divided after WW II 1945 until 1989 into a western-oriented (free) western part and a Moscow-oriented eastern part. In the former eastern part, the government tried to eradicate anything that had to do with Christian traditions by using a socialistic education and physically "securing" this land area with a wall and barbed wire. The consequences of this history are relevant until today: The former GDR is seen by some researchers as the most godless country in the world (with up to 52% of the population claiming atheism). Only in Japan can one point to a smaller percentage of belief in a personal God (8%). The "General Social Survey" (2012) found that in the western part of Germany 54% and in the former GDR only 13% say they have always believed in God. In the 1960s more than 90% were members of the Christian churches. Religious statistics for 2015 are shown above. **ACTUAL SITUATION:** Many Germans have lost their belief in Jesus Christ. Believing in God is not a topic to talk about in society. This is a dramatic change compared with the situation in the early 1950s.

BUT in the past few years, Germany is again a country searching for meaning. More people are looking for orientation in spiritual areas. 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 their own fundamental view of life. And we in ministry realize among our friends and in all of German society, a growing openness to talk and think about a Christian basis to society and our personal belief in Jesus Christ. We realize that this has increased dramatically in the last 5 years.

Dresden Initiative

The Momentum Europe ministry (Dresden Initiative) is designed to build a network of German business and professional leaders committed to Jesus, passionate about reaching their peers for Christ and helping to build spiritual movements across Europe and beyond. Directed by a uniquely gifted German couple, Christoph and Karin v.Mohl, we are excited to see and pray for the many opportunities ahead.

Prayer Requests

Dresden Initiative

*Please pray for changed lives and the touch of the Holy Spirit (revival) on the participants of our retreats and especially our "Open Bible Study" group once/month in Berlin.

*There will be a special Pentecost weekend in Heidelberg coming up that will be attended by very interesting, mostly non-believing friends. Pray for this time to open hearts to the love of Jesus.

*3-6 August there will be a retreat focused on some special friends of the v.Mohls. Pray they invite the ones who need it the most and whose hearts are prepared by the Holy Spirit.

*"Mittelpunkt" (middlepoint) in Berlin is a centrally located meeting place (800 meters from the German Parliament) rented by Campus fur Christus for ministry purposes. Please pray Dresden Initiative can use this more and more to meet with politicians and business people.

The Broader German Ministry

*Please pray for the annual Campus fur Christus staff conference (24-28 May) and for a week of Jubilee celebration: 50 years of ministry for Campus fur Christus!! Pray for unity, fellowship, and joy.

*Pray for Christians and all voters to have wisdom to choose the best candidate in the German elections on the 24th of September.

*The Christian group ELIJAH 21 offers Muslim immigrants the opportunity to hear about Jesus using the Jesus Film.