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Dear Pastor and friends,

In biographies of missionary church-planters one reads of the personal grief and heartbreak that was experienced through loss. With the medical advances, speed of international transportation, those stories have become much more infrequent. I suppose that this is the reason we had never considered that we would be called to taste of great sorrow.

Seven weeks prior to the scheduled date of birth, our daughter went into labor with our first grandchild – a baby boy, whom she and her husband had named Ben. Upon delivery it was evident that physical challenges endangered the baby, who would not breathe on his own. Three hours of frantic efforts by the best specialists to be found, doctors determined that Ben faced physical challenges internally that no doctor could heal. We would have hours or just days with him. 12 hours after entering this world and without ever crying a tear, Baby Ben went to his Lord and creator.

Our hearts were heavy with sorrow and our grief has been real. But we had already scheduled a major evangelistic outreach, so our team gathered around us and picked up a heavy load.

On Saturday, July 16, 2011 a dedicated band of workers experimented with a new youth outreach in Europe. Aided by the team of Global Surge, Greg Lyons and his International Camp Training (ICT) team coached the church. At the event, we hosted over 200, 80 of which were non-church guests. 28 spiritual decisions were made as a result of the meeting, 18 of which were to follow Jesus Christ as their personal savior. Five asked to be discipled and an additional five will gather further information as they contemplate a decision. That is a 35% decision ratio of attendees.

We are absolutely overwhelmed by the results of watching Germans make public professions. The entire team is inspired to passionately pursue further events in order to impact our city. Our church will be challenged to participate. Would you consider assisting us in another outreach event at the end of this year? We need someone to champion the costs of a venue for \$1200, plus someone to assist in costs of recruiting - \$1500. Those are two of the initial cornerstones necessary in order to proceed.

Together, we are making a difference.

Yours, in His service,

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