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My Brother's Keeper

"A Church for Every Person"

In Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1910 there was a global conference focusing on how to strengthen world missions. One of the studies presented at Edinburgh suggested that churches planted, watered and expediently turned over to trained local leadership would become the strongest (mission minded). While consistent with the strategy of the New Testament missionary Paul, the recommendations of the Edinburgh study seemed radical for the time.

Missionary strategy in the 19th century (down to Edinburgh) centered on evangelism, education and medicine. Evangelism included preaching, organizing and the fostering of churches and distribution of Bibles. Education focused more on industrial schools which equipped the new Christians to earn a living and provide for their families. Medical care of the local populations created good will and provided an evangelistic opportunity.

Nevertheless, while effective in some ways, the 19th

Century strategy was incomplete. Its weakness was that it produced churches which were ill-equipped in the area of Christian education, discipleship and missionary training. Seeing the need for a new and more indigenous strategy for the 20th Century, the missionary societies in Edinburgh adopted what became known as the "Closure Strategy." Among other things this strategy affirmed the truth that *"the task is not complete until the local populations have assumed responsibility for establishing a church for every person."*

"Decades of anti-Christian doctrines and forms of worship have rendered Europe as in need of missionary enterprise as any portion of the world."

– J. D. Hughey,
International Mission Board

As Christians commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Edinburgh World Missions Conference, Compassion World Outreach remains committed to the closure strategy. Because of the faithful prayers and contributions of the friends of this ministry, the German Bible Training Centre for Pastors and Church Leaders is on track to become an indigenous and independent entity. Other articles and information in this newsletter detail the evidence for our conviction.

In 2006 God called us to work in Germany, one of the world's most advanced nations. The Lord knew it would not be easy, but difficult and would require commitment, sacrifice and perseverance. In this age of specialization, academia and the media encourage young people to pursue profitable careers arising from their personal interests. Our

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prayer for the young people of Germany (and all of today's youth living in the industrialized world) is that they can link up with a task as costly to self-interest as the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20). Can their priorities be shifted? Can their small ambitions be shelved in light of John 3:16?

Who will answer the call and make this sacrificial commitment?

The passing of this torch will require from them and us an effort that is not weak, but strong... not limited, but total... and not sophisticated, but wise in the most biblical sense. Throughout 2010 we will continue depending upon the prayers of God's people.

Pray with us that Compassion World Outreach and Bible Seminary Bonn will be guided by the Holy Spirit. May the Lord of the Harvest inspire a greater German revival and a Bible centered church for every person.

Sincerely,
Clark Ivey, President

Discover CWO

Who We Are...

Since 2006 CWO has existed to provide Biblical training and assistance to the next generation of pastors and church leaders in the Worldwide Kingdom of God.

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At CWO we work in partnership with other like-minded Christian ministries. The Bible Training Centre for Pastors (Atlanta) provides the curriculum which CWO translates for use at international teaching sites.



Students at The Bible Seminary,
Bonn, Germany

How You Can Help...

1 – Pray for CWO

2 – You can make a tax-deductible gift which will enable us to continue providing Bible training and assistance needed for making disciples.



Andy Wiebe Leading German BTCP/CL

One of the requirements of successful Christian missions is the "indigenous principle". This is a proven method of establishing national leadership for churches and church organizations. From the beginning of Compassion World Outreach's partnership with Bible Seminary Bonn it has been our mutual goal that German Bible Training Center for Pastors and Church Leaders would operate on the indigenous principle.

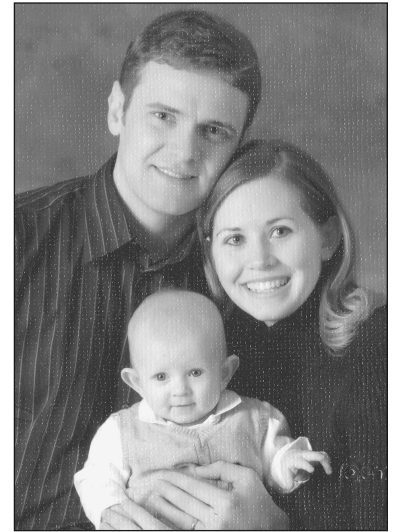
CWO and BSB have appointed German National Andreas "Andy" Wiebe, as the National Director of German BTCP/CL. During the September, 2009, Teacher Training Workshop held Waldorf, IMB Missionary Steven Jett introduced Clark to Andy. Since early 2009 Andy has been working part-time at BSB as Coordinator of Applied Theology. Dr. Heinrich Derksen, President of BSB, also recommended Andy for the job. Everyone involved first prayed and there was unanimous agreement that Andy

should assume leadership of this phase. It seems that God had him there "for such a time as this."

Born in Kamen, Germany, Andy is a graduate of Bible Seminary Bonn (BA, Theology) and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary (MA, Educational Leadership). Andy is married to Amy Cherry, a native of Michigan. The Wiebe's have two children, Andreas Matthew (2 years) and Alec Michael (6 months).

CWO and BSB agree that Andy fits the requirements of this job perfectly. It is obvious to all who meet him that he has a heart for God. Andy is already working at BSB, an institution committed to bringing greater revival throughout Germany, Europe and the World. He has a proven record of liaison with German churches, seminaries and missions agencies.

Andy has recruited some of the top students at BSB to work with him: Christian Zorn (MA Program), Valentina Sinner (3rd Year) and Julia Lowen (1st Year).



Andy and Amy Wiebe with son, Matt (2 years). Their son, Michael, 6 months, is not pictured.

Each of these students will be helping Andy with the German BTCP seminars, Teacher Training Workshops as well as administration and record keeping. These students are volunteers, but part of Andy's support must come from CWO.

Since accepting the position of National Director Andy has taken a very prayerful approach to implementing German BTCP at the seminary and in the churches. In a recent email Andy shared with Clark from Isaiah 50:4, a passage which encourages every disciple to be both hearer (student) and speaker (teacher).

"The Lord has given me the tongue of a teacher and skill to console the weary; He has sharpened my hearing that I might listen as one who is taught."