

# REACHING THE AMERICAN MILITARY IN GERMANY JULY-SEPTEMBER 2013

## BAPTIST MISSIONS TO FORGOTTEN PEOPLES

### THE NIMESHEIM FAMILY

#### **Time has raced by these last three months**

with many wonderful opportunities to witness for the Lord. In late June and early July, I was invited to be the camp Chaplain at the International Boy Scout Camp in Kandersteg, Switzerland. WOW, what an eye-opening assignment from the Lord. I was scheduled to preach in an open air chapel but a mountain lightening storm changed those plans. Nevertheless, God gave me great liberty to witness for Him to campers, counselors, staff, and several council leaders. Two things surprised me, how respectful the older leaders were toward me and how disrespectful some of the young leaders were toward me being there. It was an education all its own.



**On September 13**, our singles ministry sponsored a special Friday night activity where our singles were encouraged to bring their lost friends to a night-time ropes obstacles course. Praise the Lord we made contact with eight new lost singles that we can pray for and follow up with visits.

**I am leaving Germany in March** to begin an extended furlough. After twelve years of trying to do more with less, I am past due for reporting and raising additional support. I have attempted to stay in Germany by every creative means available; I work a part-time job on base, we rent out the first floor of our house, and we try to live frugally. Nevertheless we have watched our support slip away. I say "I" am returning to the States because Meri and Matthew will remain in Germany since we cannot afford health care at this time. Meri works on the Base which provides health care benefits, naturally, her job also provides a bit of monthly income to put food on the table. If she leaves, we not only lose the income but we also lose the health benefit. So until I can raise the needed support, Meri and Matthew will remain in Germany. This is NOT ideal, but having worked with the military for so long and seeing military spouses say good-bye as they depart for six months to a year on deployment, why should we think we are different? If you would like me to report or attend your annual missionary conference, please email me at: [Mike.Nimesheim@gmail.com](mailto:Mike.Nimesheim@gmail.com). I want to see you again!

**My schedule for March 2014** is beginning to fill and I intend to report to all of you before I return to Germany. When my support began to wane years ago, I thought it would be wise to send my prayer letters by email. This has proved to be a disaster. After two hard-drive crashes, where I lost everything, my email prayer letter ministry has never been the same. My top priority is to seek multiple solutions for this problem so anyone can acquire any prayer letter from us at anytime.

**A break is needed!** I hope you do not think ill of me when I say I am exhausted, but, I am exhausted! I love where I am and what I am doing, but the lack of support has taken its toll. It hurts when you lose support but it hurts more since you lose a friend. I need a break, I need some new ideas, I need to report, I need additional support and I need to come back better prepared than when we arrived twelve years ago.

**Pray for Us!** Four of the six Nimesheims are in college. Michael is in Canada, Sara is in Florida, Matthew is with Central Texas College on the Base and I am finishing my Masters Degree on-line. Meri's rheumatoid Arthritis is a little more aggressive these days, she wakes up with her hands and arms numb. Hannah and Denny are still in England and should find out soon about their next assignment.

Congratulations to Denny for making Staff Sargent! **God Bless! Mike & Meri Nimesheim**

*Psalm 73:25, "Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee".*