

CALL OF THE WATCHMEN

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God's love is stronger than death

God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are watching over Germany in faith and hope. I feel that God's heart of love is beating with increasing passion for us and our land – do you also share this feeling?

I am therefore joyful in the knowledge that all the shakings, which are even prophesied in the book of Revelation for the end times, will take effect only in certain areas. There are limits to the ways in which demonic powers can inflict their torment because God is ultimately in charge.

God is granting us intercessors more faith and courage and is saying to us: "Look how wrong-doing has been uncovered and how those responsible are facing the consequences. I am purifying your land. Expect more of my grace to be revealed in all the shakings. Pray in faith with a love that will penetrate our land. Do not judge, rather call out for mercy, especially for those with leadership responsibility. You will then be preparing the way for a stronger presence of my Spirit in your land."

-ME-

What began 13 years ago . . .

. . . God has since blessed and confirmed in many ways. First of all to us, the *intercessors*: look how prayer on a regular basis has called us to feel more responsibility for our land! Furthermore, in many places our watchmen prayer has drawn people together who otherwise would never have come together. The *unity in the body of Christ* has been visible in these places. And above all we have again and again experienced *answers to prayer* in matters great and small, as you will read below.

So let us not grow weary, rather let us move on and increase our prayer. More intercessors are registering with our office; the number of prayer groups is nearing 300; our website is always busy with many visitors; a "Prophetic Page" is coming soon.

Are you excited to belong to this country-wide (and international) prayer network? Then pray for:

- **more intercessors and prayer groups, or even get intercessors together yourself and form a group.**
(Matthew 9 v.37-38)

- **joy in prayer for the intercessors.** (1 Thess. 5 v.16-21)

Oh, and one more thing: do not forget to send **your birthday gift of 10 Euro for the Call of the Watchmen.**

(2 Corinthians 9 v.6-8).

On February 1st we will be 13 years old.

Thank you! Thank you!

-OS-

Answers to prayer

We have often reported answers to prayer during the past year. Here is a quick review of 2012:

- The spiritual calling of Germany to take a lead from a position in humility was clearly confirmed last year.

- The power of mammon was dealt a blow by the judicial system – the manipulation of financial markets by the Deutsche Bank was exposed.
- Another terrorist attack was foiled in December.
- Now in January 350,000 (!) people demonstrated in France against a draft law to introduce marriage for homosexuals and a right to adopt children. Is this the beginning of an awakening in Europe? -RS-

Prostitution and human trafficking

On January 1st 2002 the "Prostitution Law" came into force in Germany, which had been driven by the Greens and passed with the support of the Socialists (SPD). Prostitution as a "sexual service" became legal. What was meant to improve the social and legal status of prostitutes has partly produced the opposite effect. Since involvement in prostitution was no longer a criminal offence, the police had no investigative powers to uncover trafficking of women and forced prostitution. Germany has now become a hub for human trafficking. Of the 400,000 prostitutes in Germany, it is estimated that 70 to 75% are immigrants.

Human traffickers take advantage of the material needs of young women from Eastern Europe or Africa and lure them to come to Western Europe with false promises. Close friends and family members often misuse a young woman's trust in order to do business with the traffickers. As they travel their passports are taken away, they are threatened, beaten and raped. Once in the destination country, these women are forced to work for pimps against their will and are traded like merchandise. Not only young women but even children are sold, as recently shown in shocking films on ARD television to a wide audience.

To prevent human trafficking and forced prostitution, the laws in this land must be changed! Already in 1999 a law was passed in Sweden to enable the prosecution of customers of prostitutes along with the provision of help for the prostitutes to escape from this business. At the same time there were campaigns to outlaw prostitution revealing that 70% of men were against prostitution anyway! Since then there are definitely fewer prostitutes in Sweden and the country is less attractive for human traffickers. Norway and Iceland are now introducing a similar law and Holland and France are also thinking about such a law.

Prayer:

- **For new laws to enable more effective pursuit of the abusers and to provide help to the victims.**
(Proverbs 21 v.1-3)
- **That the activists who have been engaged for years in the fight against human trafficking and prostitution will find listening ears among the politicians.**
(Ezra 7 v.27-28)

- **For the discovery of human trafficking rings which are also engaged in the trade of children as “sexual merchandise”. (Psalm 44 v.23-26)** -RS-

Germany's children

Our nation will live and not die. For this we need to have confidence in **life**. There is a depression over this land that has perverted the joy in living into a lack of confidence in our future. (*“See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples ...”* Isaiah 60 v.2a). It is generally thought that to secure one's own survival there can be no place for children.

There are many reasons for this. From the concept of *individualism*, people learn to look out for themselves rather than for others. In a self-centred life, children are inconvenient nuisances - they are not yet able to look after themselves. But if they do not get adequate care and attention they become more self-centred than their parents.

National Socialism (Nazism) misused motherhood to produce Arian offspring and fighting soldiers. The dark shadow of the Nazi award “Cross of Honour of the German Mother” lies over the true blessing of being a mother. Nowhere else is motherhood so little appreciated and treated so sceptically as in Germany.

Marxism and *Feminism* have taught women that fulfilment lies in the work place and as a result the desire to have children has died in many. The *commercialisation of sex* within society has degraded women and girls to sex objects and strikes at the core of female identity. In the Old Testament “life and fruitfulness” or “death and destruction” are synonymous with “blessing” or “curse” as a consequence of obedience or disobedience to God's commands, decrees and laws. (Deuteronomy 30 v.15-18). Individualism has thrown out the command to love, Nazism the command not to kill. And as a consequence of Marxism and Feminism, the latest gender ideology has thrown out God's divine plan in creation.

Prayer:

- **For God's forgiveness and for the destruction of every lie that endangers life and every ideology that is not from God. (Acts 4 v.12)**
- **That the light of God will awaken a new love and confidence in life (Isaiah 60 v.1).**
- **For our land to return to the Lord our God and obey his commands with love in our hearts, and that motherhood will again be appreciated and valued in our society.** -KH-

Europe lives on!

Where? In YOU! – Everyone who has roots in Germany or grew up here is not only German, in France not only French, in Greece not only Greek. Besides our national identity from birth we also have a European identity. You experience this when you are in a conference with people from Kenya, India, China and Brazil. Here Brits and Germans gravitate to one another and feel that they have something in common as Europeans that differentiates

them from the rest – even when everyone belongs in the kingdom of God.

Europe lives on! Where? In the European idea that the European Union represents. It was first presented as a politically feasible project by the French foreign minister Robert Schuman on May 9th 1950. May 9th is now Europe Day. The idea was to build a Europe in which the large and strong countries would help the smaller and weaker ones (solidarity) and where conflicts would be resolved by negotiations and no longer with weapons (peace). This required a system of treaties to link the countries together through the free movement of goods, people and services. For Schuman and Adenauer as Christians, the foundation had to be laid on the willingness for reconciliation, especially between France and Germany. A fruit of all this was the Treaty of Friendship between Germany and France in 1963, the golden anniversary of which was just celebrated on January 22nd.

European unity, born in the hearts of two committed Catholic Christians, was God's offer and opportunity for peace after two world wars. We must hold on to this.

For this reason we stand by Greece. For this reason the UK must also be a member. For this reason it is right to stand by countries in debt with measures to sustain good governance. For this reason it is right for us to offer jobs to people from southern Europe. This requires sacrifice. Right! Solidarity always requires sacrifice. But Europe lives on – because of its commitment to solidarity.

Prayer:

- **For more and more people to joyfully accept that they really like being Europeans. (Proverbs 29 v.18)**
- **That the willingness to stand by the weaker countries in Europe will grow. (Proverbs 28 v.27)**
- **For strong winds of revival to blow over many countries, all at the same time. (Joel 2 v.21-32)** -OS-

40 days of prayer and fasting for our land

This prayer initiative runs from February 13th to March 30th, under the title: “Ask the Lord of the harvest – for a new harvest in Germany.” From February 15th to 17th, at the beginning of Lent, there will be a National Prayer Conference for all generations in Kassel. Details were given in the December 2012 prayer letter and further information (in German) is available at:

www.40tagebetenundfasten.de/konferenz2013.html .

Let us as intercessors in the Call of the Watchmen network make our prayer day this month a day of fasting!

Prayer:

- **That more people are called to prayer and fasting for our land.** -RS-

Other events for prayer

07-14.02 Marriage Week – to strengthen marriages

18.-21.10 Spring General Assembly of German Bishops' Conference

27.02-06.03 Invitation initiatives for ProChrist campaign.

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