

A report from a British couple living in Germany:

The site of the Love Parade is only 20 minutes from our home. Two weeks ago we prayed on this site (an abandoned railway freight yard) with three pastors from Duisburg and about 20 Christians from Duisburg and Dusseldorf. We went through one of the two tunnels and walked right by the location of the tragedy at the entrance way to the site. Some of us still firmly believed that the Love Parade would not even take place. The state of the site was atrocious. Nevertheless we praised the Lord together and placed the site under the lordship of Jesus.

We were deeply moved by the news on Saturday evening and asked the Lord: "What does this mean?"

He directed us to the Bible passage in Luke 13, verses 4 and 5. While the world is looking for who to blame, we should repent, both individually and as churches, and also on behalf of the victims, those responsible for the event, for Duisburg and of course for the nation of Germany (2 Chronicles 7 v.14). "But unless you repent, you too will all perish,"

We should also support the churches in Duisburg in prayer, and especially for the various street evangelism teams in the Ruhr area this summer (2 Corinthians 7 v.10).

We are convinced that God has a special calling on city of Duisburg, which is often looked down on in Germany. The city is not only a gateway for trade, but God will use the city as a gateway for his blessings into Germany. The shopping mall "Forum" already has a "Jacob's ladder" as an architectural feature (200 feet high) to make it easy for the angels to descend! (For more information visit: <http://pabloperrez.com/?p=89>)

Pastor (Rev.) Joseph Nelson Jesus Haus Gemeinde Baumberg- Monheim
writes on 24.7.:

Dear Friends

24.07.2010

As I write we are looking at the reports from the love parade, at present 18 dead and over 80 injured. We had a team of about ca 20-25 people exactly at this section which were already through the tunnel before the panic started and had started with their street work. The team were able to help and pray with people and lead several to the Lord whilst the injured were being cared for. We did not allow anyone under 18 to take part in the project but nevertheless it was very traumatic and a very extreme atmosphere. Pray for the families of the lost and also for the injured and the traumatized. Also pray for our team and the contacts and those who want to know Jesus personally.

27.07.2010

Just an update on what has happened. The day after the tragedy (Sunday the 25th) our Team led a memorial Service at the mouth of the tunnel where so many people died and were injured. The police allowed us to use the whole band and PA. Hundreds of people from all over had come to visit the site and deal with their grief and anger. Many who were there were the day before in the tunnel themselves or knew people who had died. Because we have such a big team (over 100 street workers) we were able to speak to a lot of people; comfort, counsel and also lead several to the Lord. Pray for the rest of the week, that God gives us mercy, wisdom and Power to see people helped and saved.

God is good.... All the time

Mit viel Segen und freundlichen Grüßen

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