

THE PADILLAS TO GERMANY

FERNANDO AND AMY



Dear Pastor Joe and Hillcrest Baptist Church,

TROUNCING TRADITION

The good thing about studying the Bible yourself, is that it destroys the traditions of men. When you actually search the Scriptures, it becomes evident that there is no basis for many of these religious rituals. Preaching the truth in recent weeks has really challenged some individuals who attend. In part, I understand, that if I was accustomed to doing something a certain way for 60, 70, or 80 years, that I would be reluctant to change. Please pray for discernment as I present biblical doctrines, that they would be received as truth from God and not as from man.

IT'S THRILLING, HE'S TILLING

God is tilling the soil, so that it will be ready to take the seed and produce fruit. I am so thankful to see people growing in their understanding of the Word. I recently asked someone who attends faithfully, as we discussed baptism, if they were ready to stand with us given what we believe, they confidently nodded yes.

As I preach to M and H, I can sense the conviction of the Holy Spirit, but they are still fighting against being saved. The Lord is obviously at work and it is exciting. Please pray for those who need to be saved and baptized.

VACANT FIELD IN VENLO (PRONOUNCED FENLO)

As we first moved to Kempen I set my eyes on our surroundings and immediately recognized the potential for church planting in our region. One place that gripped my heart from the beginning was the city of Venlo, in the Netherlands. Their beautiful cathedrals are cafes, offices, museums, or just closed. Even the most historic and significant ones are only used once every 3 or 4 months. There is a need! The Netherlands is a very difficult (or impossible) country for missionaries to enter. Because of a desire to limit the spread of Islam, the government has also restricted other religious workers. Unless someone has a parent or grandparent with Dutch citizenship it is very unlikely that they will be granted a visa. But we have an opportunity to reside in Germany, and drive 20 minutes to plant a church in this needy place. I mention this so you will join us in prayer about if or when the Lord would open the door for us to do so. I know the church in Kempen needs our full attention for now, but in the next few years I think it would be great to start probing the area and looking to start a bible study.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prospects for salvation: Michael, M, H, Vlad - salvation

A possible church plant in Venlo



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