

## Review English Camp 2008: “Camp of Basics” & Invitation to be part of Summer Team 2009

### The Music Festival before English Camp

A music festival was held the week before English Camp at Knüll-Camp. 480 German musicians attended the music festival and then slept in tents, trailers or the rooms at KnüllCamp. These colourful musicians participated in several different music workshops throughout the day and performed certain songs and dances each evening. A group of dedicated Americans from Ohio and Germany came to minister to these musicians by cleaning the camp bathrooms. These mission-minded cleaners were in constant contact with the Germans during this time. It was a great opportunity to share the Gospel and live out the Christian faith while serving. Each day the team members attended Morning Prayer service. It was terrific to see a few German musicians attend the service as well. Those who attended commented on the unusual work ethic and attitude of the team. (Several of the mission team awoke at 4 a.m. each morning in order to provide clean bathrooms four times a day!) It was a blessing to touch part of the German culture in this manner! Please pray that these musicians will continue to be touched by what they saw and heard.

### The Team before English Camp

The 2008 Missionary Team members came from Dayton, Ohio (4); Dallas, (5) Phoenix; Arizona (7), from Souderton, Pennsylvania (2). Their help was greatly appreciated. Some additional people who helped during English camp were Big Dave the painter from England, Gabi the German cook, Christin Stämmler “the British” with organizational skills. Everyone at the camp served the mission here at Knuell in special ways and made an effort to work as a team.

### Preparation in two words

Preparation for Knuell’s English camp can be summed up in two words: **hard work**. It began with cleaning the main Knuell buildings and some of the surrounding buildings after the music festival. A special thanks is extended to Joni, Elyse, Lydia, and Rachel from Dayton, and Michelle and Seth from Phoenix for cleaning bathrooms and preparing beds for the campers. Also, thanks to Elyse and Joni for preparing the music books along with others, to Seth and the sports team for preparing the games. The games were especially fun and helpful as they forced each team member and German camper to overcome their shyness and the cultural barrier to come to know each other. They all worked and played hard together, which added to the strength of each personal testimony for Christ!

### Daily Camp Schedule and Special Events - Overview

Every morning the daily routine began with the sound of EnglishCamp directors trombone. During this Camp Bishop Meyer is the official



“Knüll alarm clock” and time keeper. Each morning the team leaders were required to attend Morning Prayer service and a team planning session.

For campers it was voluntary, several attended on a regular basis. Then breakfast followed Morning Prayer as the Bishop believed it is better to be alert and pray on an empty stomach. The team members enjoyed this time of fellowship and the fellowship that took place during meal times. After breakfast the campers were assigned daily chores. Daily chores were interesting and challenging for the campers as many campers had never cleaned a bathroom or washed dishes.

Following daily chores, the campers congregated in the conference room for morning teaching. Each teaching session began with worship songs followed by an hour of teachings by **Rev. Steve Rutt**. After each lesson, the campers ate an American lunch, played games in the afternoons and practiced drama for the end-of-camp talent show. Sports leader, **Seth** spent many sunny afternoons playing baseball with campers, while drama leader **Rachel** held skits on rainy afternoons. **Christin** also held craft sessions with the campers. In the evenings, **Rev. Jeff Baker** taught the theories of *Creation and Evolution*. Each evening ended with personal testimonies, followed by a bonfire. The *testimonies and the bonfire* were some of the highlights of the camp as we enjoyed fellowshiping, snacks, and singing. Other highlights of the camp were various special trips throughout the week. These trips included a night walk the first camp night, an 8 kilometre hike to a swimming pool, and an 15 mile canoe trip to the city of Kassel. At the end of camp campers and leaders put on a talent night, which consisted of a play about the patriarchs and many games and skits performed by campers and leaders. It was all great fun!

### Music, Mission and Focus on God

This year’s music team consisted of: Jeff Winkler from Phoenix, AZ, playing his bongo drums and percussion instruments, from Dayton, OH: Rachel



Herman and Lydia Prenger leading singing and Elyse Burns on the piano. Our music was a mixture of contemporary songs as well as some familiar hymns. We used music to turn our thoughts towards God and the teachings. Inspirational and meaningful insights of the musicians were shared and focused the thoughts of the campers and the music leaders on God. Music was a key instrument in bringing campers and leaders together. It gave the camp one voice and trained them to be the people of God. A great example is when we learned an African song from the missionary couple Michel that visited one evening from the Republic of Congo.

We did not understand the words, but we understood the spirit of communal worship. And we all were surprised: The campers donated about \$ 550 towards missionary support. Music also united the campers and focused their thoughts on Christ before each testimony. Campers could always find a group around the piano to sing with, play their favourite worship songs, and share other great pieces of music with one another.

### Sports: Baseball, "Orb" and what is Fussball?

Seth Rutt organized the sports activities at the Knüll Camp this year. Primarily, Seth helped the campers understand the camp theme, "Back to the Basics," through Softball and baseball. Two other young men - Michael and Mikie - assisted Seth in teaching the basics of baseball and helped him to arrange competitive games. These games did not merely center on baseball, but were designed to help campers enhance their skills in other sports. The "Orb" game was a big hit! At the end of his stay at camp, Seth set aside time for the German campers to show off their skills in soccer (European Fussball). Everyone enjoyed the competition. Overall, as a baseball player, Seth was able to serve God this summer by using his talents to encourage others in Germany.

### Teachings from Scripture

This year's plenary teaching sessions featured **Rev. Steven Rutt** from Phoenix, Az, with the assistance of **Rev. Jeffery Baker** from Dallas, Tx. Rev. Rutts sessions focused on the *Old Testament Patriarchs*. The sessions also touched upon the *Christian and biblical understanding of "Covenant"*, and *how the covenantal worldview affects marriage, family, economics, missions, and evangelism*. Rev. Baker taught on two subjects; the *"Classical arguments for the existence of God"*, and the *"Traditional Christian doctrine of origins and creation"*. May God bless the words of our teachers, and may they bear much fruit in the hearts and minds of those who attended these sessions.

### Devotions, Prayer and Sharing

For our devotion times at camp we split the groups between guys and girls. The devotional leaders for the guys were Rev. Baker, Jeff Winkler, Seth Rutt, and Rev. Rutt. The devotion leaders for the ladies were Jenny Heisenhuber, Michelle Johnson, Colleen Woolsey and Sue Rutt. The afternoon devotions in small groups draw on the teachings from morning and evening sessions. Towards the end of camp, the devotional groups were combined in two large groups of boys and girls to discuss the subject purity before- and in marriage. For this special meeting each one had to prepare a *Spouse Checklist*. The insight from both the guys and girls groups was encouraging. The devotional part was a great time to share experiences and be open with other campers or team members about personal struggles.

### Tour to Southern Germany

After English Camp ended, the American Summer Team embarked on a tour of Southern Germany. For our first stop we went to the city of Baden-Baden. There we assisted the newly planted blossoming Reformed Episcopal Church, (<http://stjohnsanglican.rekd.de>) during two Sunday services. It was a special time to commune with fellow believers and missionaries for Christ. After Baden-Baden we travelled to Strasbourg, France, for a day. In Strasbourg, we saw an amazing Cathedral (formerly reformed Church) and her astronomical clock with a procession of the apostles. The size and details were mind boggling for many of us. Back in Germany, our next stop was Speyer for a morning tour of several cathedrals. That after-

noon (Tu., August 19) the group went shopping in Speyer and enjoyed its beautiful architecture. Later that evening, we drove to Heidelberg. Once in Heidelberg, we climbed up to the ancient ruins of Heidelberg castle. The sight of the illuminated city below the castle was breathtaking. On Wednesday the group left Heidelberg and drove to



Worms. There we saw the Luther memorial where he REFUSED to recant his faith. The Catholic cathedral where Luther was tried was spectacular, filled with glory; a (once) great reminder of God's majesty. It was also a reminder to us as present day Protestant Christians of how difficult a task the Reformation was. Luther and the other Reformers braved many heresies and even death to provide us with the Bible in our native tongues. In Worms, the group met up with two old Berman friends from camp, Roy Weremchuk and Vanessa Schweitzer. Everyone went out to eat and enjoyed some amazing ice cream. After we left Worms, the group stopped by Alsfeld for some last minute shopping. The natives of Alsfeld was so filled with zeal for Christ that (from 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> centuries) they wrote spiritual dedications to Christ over their front doors. These dedications can still be read today. The team then returned to KnüllCamp, and made preparations to return home. Special thanks to our Camp and tour leader Gerhard Meyer and Rev. Rutt for driving.

**Bishop Gerhard & Grace Meyer**  
**Rev. Steve & Sue Rutt, Father Baker and 14 others**  
**of the Summer Team.**

## Welcome to Short Term Mission Germany 2009

(16 and older apply)

### 18<sup>th</sup> English Camp – "Camp of Purity"

July 13<sup>th</sup> Team arrives in Germany  
July 19-29<sup>th</sup> English Camp -

July 30<sup>th</sup>-Aug 4<sup>th</sup> Germany Tour north to:  
former concentration Camp Buchenwald,  
Eisenach & Wittenberg (Luther) and Berlin (Capital)

August 5<sup>th</sup> Return to the US / Canada

**Alternative: Stay after August 5<sup>th</sup> 2009 till end of our next Summer Music Festival August 20 or longer.**

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