

New England Mission Center
Congregational Support Ministry
Mission Flash

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Mission Flash # 7-08

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New England Mission Center provides
Ministry in Augsburg, Germany

In November of 2007 Dona and I visited and provided ministry to the Community of Christ congregation in the Augsburg area of Germany. This visit was the result of the September meeting in Onset with Dave Schaal. During the gathering in Onset I met Vicky Freel's (member in Avon, Ma) brother Franz Zick and his wife from Augsburg. It was from our visiting, in German and English, that we were invited to come and visit with the Saints in that very beautiful place.

We arrived at the church a little late and found brother Franz waiting for us on the sidewalk. I think he was worried that we were lost. After meeting the folks we shared in an exciting worship service where I shared my greeting in German and Georg Sofke's daughter translated my sermon. Afterwards the congregation gathered at a local Gasthaus (Inn) for lunch. We shared good food and fellowship and made many new friends. After lunch we visited two family homes. The first was Franz and his wife. Vicky from Avon was there, and we all shared our stories and concerns along with coffee and cake. Michael Menzel and his family joined us for lunch and a visit at the Zick home. Next we traveled to the home of Georg Sofke. Georg worked for the church for many years and has traveled and visited all over the US. I am always interested to hear other people's views and ideas of how the concept of mission can change the congregation and the church. Congregations around the world are not much different, we have the same concerns, challenges and opportunities to witness. After a fulfilling visit we gathered for prayer and then began our journey back to our apartment on the south side of Munich. We experienced a beautiful day that will impact our lives for years to come.



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