

Faith of Our Fathers Germany 2023 Journey - Hermannsburg

1. Introduction

This report provides feedback with regard to a Unlimited Prayer Frontiers (UPFSA) prayer outreach to Germany in September/October 2023, which included the centers of Hermannsburg, Wittenberg, Dresden, Herrnhut and Berlin. The outreach had a challenging mandate from God and was to serve as a forerunner to more outreaches from South Africa and Africa as a whole to Europe. The report is thus to serve as a source of information to follow-up initiatives, both by UPFSA and by other organisations. The report relates the experiences on the outreach in relation to specific words received from God during the nine weeks of preparation and during the outreach itself. A joint team understanding of the impact of the outreach, as reflected in this report, has been gained in various feedbacks that have already happened, i.e. a focused, externally-led team de-briefing, individual feedbacks to the communities/churches which were represented on the outreach, and the country-wide feedback meeting on Zoom on 11.11.23.

To speed up the feedback, this first report will only address the outreach to Hermannsburg, a report on Herrnhut will follow and ultimately a final report that will cover all centers visited.

2. Purpose of outreach

Since a prayer journey to Germany in 2019, a vision from God has emerged and has grown over time, in various joint 'Europe / Africa Nations Redeemed' events, into a clear purpose: *"for spiritual children (Africa tribes / nations believers) to come back to Europe to show prophetic gratefulness to their spiritual parent nations for the gospel they brought to Africa already centuries ago (Eph. 6:1-3; Malachi 4:6); bringing gifts that will bless the parents (Matt. 2:10-11).* This was to be done to encourage our brothers and sisters, the body of Christ in Germany, with a sense of God's end-time purpose for the nation of Germany. We experienced God's preparation and leading towards his mandate throughout the journey and thus the report is to serve first and foremost as a testimony to an amazing God.

3. Preparation of the journey

In the beginning of May 2023 an invitation went out to join the journey: "We want to especially invite descendants of our 'first nation' – the Khoi / San people of South Africa as well as Xhosa, Zulu and Sotho believers. We want them to represent their communities to bring thanksgiving and prophetic expressions of gratefulness for the gospel that German believers brought to southern Africa." By beginning of July, God had provided a wonderfully representative team:

Sophia Hendricks, Angela Dunn: Khoi descendants impacted by the Moravian mission from Herrnhut;

Victor Vilakazi: from the Zulu nation impacted by the Hermannsburg Mission Society;

Rolf Gevers, Irma Lammerding: German-speaking descendants of missionaries from Hermannsburg;

Eberhard Braune: born in Germany, with links to the Rheinisch Mission Society to Namibia;

Karine Derieux: French speaker with a prophetic ministry for Germany;

Leon Coetzee: Afrikaner of Huguenot descent and leader of UPFSA.

God had played a big role in the bringing together this team. Irma took an in-faith decision on very short notice, when Friedhild Böhmer of the Mkhondo German community had to withdraw because of an operation her husband had to undergo. Leon was able to join the Germany team when a parallel journey to France / Switzerland had to be called off, because no more bookings for visa were available, months ahead of time (because of the World Rugby Cup in France).

Team preparation is vital for UPF prayer journeys. This started immediately, with regular Zoom meetings and then daily joint prayer on the Whatsapp group during the last four weeks. The first in-person meeting happened at departure from OR Tambo airport on 24 September 2023. The strength of the team effort for this outreach can be gauged by the 97 intercessors that were brought together across the country to support the outreach.

4. Hermannsburg

Our hosts

Ernst-August Lüdemann and Bernhard Meyer, deeply involved with mission in the past, provided an excellent programme for the days in Hermannsburg, including a well-researched English summary of the Hermannsburg revival and mission history:

'Christian Faith and Life in Hermannsburg – the Beginnings, the Renewal and the worldwide Extension'.



Ernst-August Lüdemann



Bernhard Meyer

Bernhard and Gisela Meyer are both of Kroondal mission stock. They moved to Hermannsburg for better work opportunities. Ernst-August Lüdemann became director of ELM in 1989 and stayed on for 16 years. He served as missionary to the Indian community in Durban and later represented ELM in southern Africa. Wife, Annemarie is a South Africa born (von Fintel) descendent of Hermannsburg missionaries.

We briefly met the eldest Lüdemann son, Dr. Joachim Lüdemann, who served the Zulu community in Natal as pastor for many years and is now the regional representative for ELM in southern Africa, working out of Hermannsburg.

Programme

The full programme included visiting of different mission-historic sites, meeting the pastors of the different Lutheran denominations / churches in Hermannsburg, a thanksgiving meeting with descendants of missionaries and an outing to a newer mission facility involving young people.



At the Harms globe in Hermannsburg with our host

Revival and mission from Hermannsburg



Louis Harms, revival preacher in the Lüneburger Heide, was born in 1808 in Walsrode in north Germany as the second son of a pastor, Hartwig Christian Harms. His study forced him to confront the Enlightenment, the leading intellectual movement of his time. Around 1830, when he read the verse John 17:3 "*Now this is eternal life: that they might know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent*" he came to the conclusion that "it is not enough, just to be religious and good, to live sensibly and act properly, but that it is essential to have Jesus Christ at the center of one's life and to testify to that." In the following years his theological thinking was to combine Lutheran faith and revival pietism.

Harms had a great gift for speaking in a way that brought things to life. On Sunday evenings, the villagers gathered in the hallway of the rectory to listen to him. His stories simultaneously entertained, instructed and

built people up. Local history provided him with lively material. His stories were published in the anthologies 'Honnig und Goldene Äpfel in silbernen Schalen' (Golden apples in silver bowls) (Low German: 'Honnig' = Honey).



Ludwig Harms preaching at Deep Valley, near Hermannsburg

Since 1846 at irregular intervals, and once a year since 1851, on Saint John's Eve (24 June), the mission festival was held, to which up to 6,000 came. Amongst its best-known visitors were the Hamburg merchant, Johann Hinrich Nagel (1810–1900), and Elise Averdieck (1808–1907), who later founded the Bethesda Deaconess House in Hamburg. Even today, the mission festival is celebrated on a weekend around 24 June in the park of the mission seminary.

In 1849, Harms founded the Hermannsburg Mission Centre (Missionsanstalt Hermannsburg) by opening the mission seminary. His brother Theodor (1818–1885) was invited to be its first head or Inspektor. The first twelve seminary students studied in what is today the Ludwig Harms House. In 1853, the first seminary course passed their theological examination and were ordained to the ministry. On 28 October 1853, the first 16 missionaries (including eight tradesmen and peasants) were sent into mission service by Louis Harms and left on the mission ship, Candace. The Candace, which had been launched a month earlier on the River Elbe in today's Hamburg, was financed by donations from friends of the mission, especially those to whom Harms had preached. The Hamburg businessman, Nagel (today's Kühne & Nagel shipping agents), in particular, stands out. Until its sale in 1874, the ship went on thirteen journeys.

Harms mastered many languages. In addition to his native language of German, he learnt Latin, Greek (modern and ancient Greek), Hebrew, Italian, English and French. His farmer boys in training encouraged him to rather pray with them.

In 1862 the mission seminary moved to the "New Mission House" where it is today and where young people are trained for missionary service. Physically very weakened, Louis Harms died in 1865 in Hermannsburg, after having given his last sermon in Hermannsburg's St. Peter and St. Paul's Church.

Peter-Paul Kirche



St. Peter-Paul's Church was the original village church, built on the site of a chapel, established here 957 AD by Landolf, an early missionary to the wild Saxons. It is the Lutheran Landeskirche (state church). A model of the 'Candace' mission ship inside the church reminds of the church's association with the mission that went out from Hermannsburg since 1853. The church today has some 1500 congregants, including some unique participants – the students of the seminary as well as a considerable number of retired missionaries.

Pastorin Stefanie Fendler und Pastor Ulrich Noetzel are the pastors of Peter-Paul Kirchengemeinde, Hermannsburg. Her overseas experience included time in Siberia for ELM.

Stefanie was blessed by our coming and by Leon's prayer for her and came especially on her bicycle the next day to say good-bye. We sensed that Stafanie will be a new leader in the changes God is going to bring.

Große Kreuzkirche



The Große Kreuzkirche was built as a church for the large mission festivals held at Hermannsburg. It became a 'Freikirche' in 1878 when Theodor Harms, brother of Ludwig Harms, was kicked out of the Hannover state church, because he was not happy with the introduction of civil marriage by the King of Prussia, who had conquered Hannover earlier. Theodor Harms brought other changes, including the introduction of brass bands and choirs into the service. Today, the Große Kreuzkirche is the largest congregation of the Independent Evangelical-Lutheran Church 'Selbstständige Ev. Luth. Kirche' (SELK) in Germany.

We had already met Pastor Simon Volkmar at the Braai at the Kleine Kreuzkirche with Ernst & Annemarie and Bernd & Gisela Meyer, both of the St Peter & Paul Church – and felt that you need a braai to achieve the much sought-after unity in the body of Christ. Simon studied at Lutherische Theologische Hochschule, Oberursel, Germany - with Christian Strauli and others from South Africa. In words spoken over him, we felt that this dynamic young pastor will bring transformation to the church.

Kleine Kreuzkirche



The Kleine Kreuzkirche came about in 1886, when some members of the Große Kreuzkirche felt that cooperation with the state church was not possible anymore, and started a separate mission organization, the Bleckmar mission in a village, some ten kilometers from Hermannsburg. The Kleine Kreuzkirche and Bleckmar mission are part of SELK.

We already had contact with Pastor Markus Nietske, through Rolf who remembers him from many years ago at the Lutheran Church in Arkadia, Pretoria (Freikirche). Markus grew up in Ventersdorp, from where his father had been a missionary to the Tshwana people. After being called to Germany 2010, Markus became missionary to Russians in Germany and later became head of Bleckmar mission.



God was present in every new encounter

Ludwig Harms Haus



We were blessed to stay at Ludwig Harms Haus, arranged by our host. At its site, the seminary for training the first missionaries operated since 1849. Today the ‘old mission house’ is a place of meeting, with a bookshop, leading hotel and restaurant, and an exhibition, showcasing the world-wide work of ELM.

ELM - Evangelisch.-lutherisches Missionswerk in Niedersachsen

ELM is part of a large network, working in partnership with 23 churches in 19 countries. It sees itself as bridge builder between cultures and religions, exchanging theologians, development experts and young volunteers between Lutheran churches in Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin-America. It supports projects of its partners financially. Three big churches in Niedersachsen – Hannover, Braunschweig, Schaumburg-Lippe support ELM. Different parts of Germany contribute in different ways to the efforts of ELM, for example the University of Tübingen with its expertise in tropical medicine.



Pastor Michael Thiel has been director of ELM for the last 9 years. Previously he had been Superintendent of the nearby church district Gifhorn. Pastor Thiel indicated to us that the move to ELM had greatly broadened his Christian involvement, through partner churches in South Africa, Botswana, Malawi, Ehtiopia, the Russian Federation, Brazil, Peru and India.

We prayed with Pastor Thiel, who is about to retire. His requests:

- more pastors trained in Germany;
- for a revival in Hermannsburg
- for personal growth after retirement.

A successor has already been appointed – coming from the partner church in Tanzania.

According to ELM director, the Lutheran church has to learn again what the mission of God in this time is? In line with this, the new focus of ELM is diaconical work (“what the people need and what Jesus did during

his life”). Countries like Ethiopia, with so many to take care of, need holistic mission, including food and education. This is how missions originally started in Germany (Rauhes Haus Hamburg for street children, since 1833), before there was a move to the nations. Examples of how ELM is already working with churches in South Africa were mentioned to us:

- SA pastor working in nearby Hildesheim
- Germans coming to South Africa for 4 weeks.

We were made aware of two institutions in Hermannsburg linked to ELM:

- University for Applied Sciences of Intercultural Theology (*Fachhochschule für Interkulturelle Theologie*) (FIT) – located on the campus of the former Mission Seminary. This facility will close in 2 years – no money and no students – Its work will be continued at the University of Göttingen, with which there is already a working relationship.
- Evangelical-Lutheran Adult Education Centre (*Evangelisches Bildungszentrum Hermannsburg – ehemalige Heimvolkshochschule*) – we saw the motto above the entrance - ‚Bete und Arbeite‘ – also motto of the school in Hermannsburg SA. Did we understand it correctly from Ernst – the king of the Zulus sent his daughter to train here in Hermannsburg.

EMW – Evangelische Mission Weltweit

ELM is operating under the mission umbrella in Hamburg – EMW – Evangelische Mission Weltweit. The EMW is an organization of Protestant churches, agencies and associations in mission and ecumenism. Nine mission agencies, five free churches, five associations and the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD) form the umbrella organization of the Protestant mission agencies. At the same time, the EMW acts as a professional association for ecumenical world mission and mission theology for members and associated organizations. Pastor Rainer Kiefer, General Secretary of the EMW, spent two years abroad in South Africa and Great Britain and then became executive director of the Stuttgart office of the German National Committee of the Lutheran World Federation. “The church is called to carry within her the promise of the kingdom of God and to bear witness to God's transforming grace.”

Hanstedt

Our hosts must have had something special on their heart, when they sent us to the ‘Missionary Center Hanstedt’ for a whole day. Hanstedt is a small village/town, some 15 minutes drive from Hermannsburg. Some 5 or 6 youth and two very special young pastors received us (Holger Holtz and Andreas Tuttas). The beautiful facility in a rural setting turned out to be a Landeskirche training facility for young people. It offers gap year training and does it with a new team of trainers trained every year.

Overall, Hanstedt was a sobering experience regarding the German youth for us. The young pastors had difficulty opening up to us in front of each other. What came out, was not their achievements, but rather everything negative around their specific mission.

- over some 25 years around 300 people had been trained here as leaders, but this year only three had arrived;
- no young person in Germany wants to be a pastor anymore;
- they will probably soon have to close down, because the Landeskirche does not want to invest in their type of ministry anymore;
- from statistics done in 2016, one can clearly see that the last church in Germany will close in 2047.



Hanstedt village with mission facilities



Young pastor in his village church

The person, Holger Holtz, we only got to know, when he took us on his own on a prayer station walk through the village in the afternoon. Holger had studied at the ELM Seminary in Hermannsburg and then in Lausanne. He had a lot in common with Irma's Early Childhood Development (ECD). At the first prayer point, at a horse stable, the beautiful person in him already poured out. He wants to do a children's ministry with horses – "they understand humans". There were tears as we prayed together, especially when we prayed for him in the small, beautiful village church he pastors. Only later on our journey came the realization - two or even three generations of post-war East Germans have all been missing parents and grandparents sharing the love of Christ with their offspring.

Thanksgiving event

What a moment! Entering the big room that evening with missionaries and their descendants sitting all around (Irma had recorded some of the names – Ernst & Annemarie Lüdemann; Heinrich & Gisela Bammann; Falk Roland; Hartwig Harms). Annemarie broke the ice, sharing a copy of the hymn book they had made for her multi-racial ladies group, while Ernst was a missionary in Durban many years ago. The singing immediately bound us together.

Leon explained our mandate and that thanksgiving was first of all to our God, but then also to the people responding to his call, leaving their country, going into the unknown, encountering tremendous hardships, never seeing their home and family again – all to bless us. God showed each one of us to whom we should present the unique gifts we had brought along. Words going with the gifts were from God. Pastor Victor's deep gratefulness for how the whole Zulu people group had been transformed, was apparent to everyone. In communication later, Ernst would give us feedback, how people had been impacted. A very special moment was when an old man, who had difficulty speaking, raised himself up and words of gratitude just poured out. Also beautiful was to see the eyes of the Bammann girls light up, when their parents received blessing – after years of only scorn and even hatred from a deceived world.



Bringing thanks for the gospel that was brought from here to our region

The real answer to our prayer only came at breakfast the next morning, when we were about to leave Hermannsburg. We had just been discussing how one could help the Zulu nation to deal with the hurt and humiliation that white people and even missionaries had brought on the nation, which was clouding the good that God had intended. In a divine moment, Gisela Bammann walked in to bring her personal thanks for our visit. She soon found herself asking forgiveness from Pastor Victor for the hurt that her church had brought on the Zulu nation. Pastor Victor responded warmly with forgiveness on behalf of his whole nation. It was as if our journey had reached its purpose.



Seeking and receiving forgiveness

Reflections on outreach to Hermannsburg

Journey purpose

In the official debriefing, a team member had written under overall experience on this prayer journey:

“Hallelujah! - God provided and led miraculously towards achieving challenging objectives, beyond all expectations.” This impression was shared by all team members. We feel that God had made something that was in His purpose humanly possible - something which we would not have been able to achieve in our own strength – team coming-together, community support, financial provision, German partner response, amazing journey logistics, and meetings in the Spirit, wherever we went. A newspaper article, which our host had placed shortly afterwards, called it: “A memorable visit from South Africa.” It mentioned the two objectives of bringing thanks for the gospel that their missionaries had brought us and of encouraging the body of Christ in Germany in challenging times there. We felt welcomed into the community and individual homes throughout. Our host also provided written feedback of how individuals had expressed their appreciation for the visit to him. “Nobody had ever prayed for them like that.” In our host’s words, we brought something deep spiritual.

God’s Great Commission

World mission, which once brought German missionaries to South Africa, has become an undesirable and politically incorrect in present-day Germany. It is tainted with the same brush as colonialism, confusing God’s purpose with human purposes. Missionaries and their dependents were particularly blessed by our visit, because they were experiencing the negativity of German society and were even doubting their own achievements. At a national level, this attitude is reflected in the changed objectives of remaining mission organisations in Germany, as we experienced in both Hermannsburg and Herrnhut. The emphasis has completely shifted to partnerships with the local church in developing countries and the complete falling away of the evangelism objective.

That Africans would make the effort to come and testify to the lasting individual spiritual and human development blessing that the mission movement from Europe had brought them and their nation, had an positive impact wherever we went. This mandate from God needs to be carried over into all follow-up outreaches. We believe that a focus on God’s commission by each new generation must also become central for the church in Germany again and must be kept in our prayers (John 8:31; Mat. 28:19-20; Rom. 10:14-15).

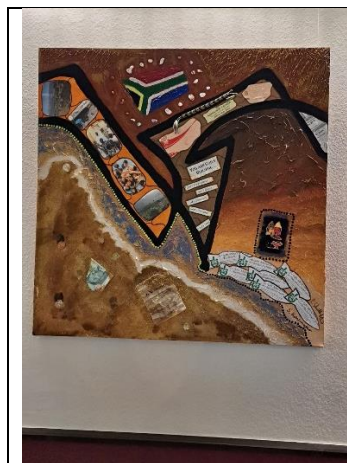
Relation between churches

Seeking God in prayer on the way to Hermannsburg, we saw the beautiful rural landscape in a new way – ‘meadows, fields that were ploughed, fields that were irrigated, hay bales, indicating harvest, and always the forest patches on the fringes – all in one image’. We saw God’s different seasons flowing together in harmony. The image became clear to us when we experienced the different Lutheran denominations in Hermannsburg - Landeskirche, Freikirche, Große Kirche, Kleine Kirche, all within walking distance from each other, all with beautiful people leading them. The same God gave birth to each one of them. He loves harmony in his creation and will bless attempts to overcome human differences towards Godly harmony (Psalm 133:1-3). May we see such a development in Hermannsburg, going well beyond the present brassband meetings once or twice a year in a close-by park. Already shortly after our return home, the church in Wittenberg SA (Freikirche) invited for ‘a special Ecumenical Service to celebrate the glorious arrival of the Gospel in South Africa, and its transformative impact on our lives and our nation.’ May we, in South Africa, also experience God’s blessings as we seek his harmony in our body of Christ.

Revival

On the road, as we approached Hermannsburg, we observed many birch trees and knew about their association with shallow underground water. This reminded us that the ‘living water’ was close to the surface here and could break out again in this time, like it did in Ludwig Harm’s time. It also reminded us of the scripture that Gerda Leithgöb, South African pioneer intercessor, took on her prayer journeys to Germany: *“yet at the scent of water it will bud and put forth shoots like a plant.”* (Job 14:9). Several had asked us to pray for revival to break out in Hermannsburg again. Churches were empty, the youth was not interested and no one wanted to become a pastor, let alone a missionary, anymore. We recognized that church without Holy Spirit is powerless and only one more human facility. But there is hope – like the bridge over a river we saw in South Africa already – ‘a bridge on which the road on one side was washed away, whereas the other side was perfect’ and going with it the words from John 1:51 *“And he saith unto him, verily, verily, I say unto you, hereafter ye*

shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.” The bridge was ready for the Holy Spirit to be experienced in Hermannsburg.



We saw signs of it, for example in the new members of Kleine Kreuzkirche – South Africans working in an arms factory close by. Marina, one of them, declared: “We are all here for a purpose,” and her pastor agrees. How beautifully this confirmed Rolf’s vision of the fishes.

“I saw a big stream of water flowing downhill and when I looked I saw the stream was full of fish. When we arrived in Hermannsburg I saw the picture on the wall and it looked like a stream of fish flowing. I went to look closer, and there it was, fish flowing in a stream. The amazing thing was that the source in the top left corner had a South African flag. I freaked when I saw that.”

It is not about Ludwig Harms, but about the God that inspired him and that he served to the end:

“This is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”

John 17:3

German youth

We came to Germany with the 2018 prophetic words of Ps Danielle Dixon, Australia:

Young people from all sectors of society will arise and answer the Kingdom call to see change in this nation. From this nation many other nations will be introduced to marketplace revival. Revelation was birthed by Martin Luther’s reformation here in Germany. They carry a generational blessing of reformation and evangelism. ... Young, relevant worship songs will be released and be very popular in Germany. This music will travel out to the nations. ... Germany is on the timeline of God, and they will choose to follow the ancient paths. *“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”* 2 Cor. 3:17

Leon expressed it to the retired missionaries at the Thanksgiving evening: “Young people will bring the victory, but the experienced older generation will have to start the battle and guide the younger generation (1 Kings 20:13). Your task is not yet finished. Every young pastor who has grown up without God-fearing parents and grandparents needs a mentor to lead him to the love of Christ and the Holy Spirit. Without you being the mentors and adding Holy Spirit understanding into the church of this generation, your church will surely close its doors in our time still.”

Future outreaches

Future outreaches should not be just more of the same. They will involve new communities and new team members and will need considerably longer preparation than the UPF prayer journeys of the past. At the UPF AGM, a few weeks after our return, it was suggested to train future team leaders – to, inter alia, impart the UPF team preparation experience. The strong focus on the spiritual side during preparation and during the Germany journey itself, boosted the confidence in this regard in every team member and should find its place in such training.

A link to South Africa in the past was Pastor Klaus Vollmer. We were told that he continued in our time where Harms left off – sometimes 1000 came to his sermons in Hermannsburg. He came to South Africa for two weeks every year – preaching mainly in Black churches. Eberhard remembers the impact he had when speaking at Johannesgemeinde, Pretoria. Many have already come back to Hermannsburg. In a document given to us by the host, there is a picture of a church choir from Pretoria singing in St. Peter and Paul Church.

We were definitely foreseeing the visit of a full Zulu team, or already containing the first Sotho-speakers. Possible link persons that were mentioned was Georg Meyer with links to the Zulu and to ELM, Ernie Lange, missionary to the Tswana people and old friend of the Meyers, people with a mission focus at the Johannesgemeinde, Pretoria, like Wilhelm Meyer and Gustav Düvel, and Joachim Lüdemann with his ELM and southern Africa links. As UPF, we should always ask us – is this part of our ‘Faith of Our Fathers’ mandate - of the father / child restoration?

Impact at home

We must not forget, that the Germany journey only became a reality after the wonderful coming together of Lutheran churches in the Mkhondo/Piet Retief area at home. We know that the journey will have further impacts at home. The importance of prayer as a foundation and during the execution of God's work became a fresh revelation to every team member. God was experienced at another level. We have tended to limit God without this experience. Individual prayer life and attitude to prayer as part of ministry will be positively impacted throughout. There is also a general desire to grow in the prophetic.

We will continue to work for unity in the body of Christ. Blind spots discovered in Germany will be addressed at home. We will put fresh emphasis on the importance of mission outreach for every church. How blessed we were to learn through Rolf's cousin, that earlier this year a team from Uganda came to the Andrew Murray Centre in Wellington SA to give thanks that Andrew Murray brought the Gospel to them. Wellington and Andrew Murray sent missionaries from the Mission School all over Africa, especially to Malawi. They were called Donkies, because they carried the Gospel. May our nation respond to God's Great Commission again, for which it has been prepared for so long already.

Growth through partnerships

The 'Faith of Our Fathers' vision was birthed at the April 2022 'Nations Redeemed' prayer seminars in Cape Town and Pretoria. We recognized at the time that it was partnerships that had brought us to a new level – UPF in partnership with the Institute for Christian Leadership Development (Pastor Segun Olanipekun, convener of the Africa Leadership Summit) and Jericho Walls International (Daniel Brink). The partners must continue to be part of the growing journey, and the new German partners must be linked in. Prayer is vital to every aspect of church growth and revival in Germany. We felt that participation in Jericho Walls' annual weeks of 24/7 prayer would be an excellent start of prayer revival and linkage across continents. Early planning together with Pastor Segun will be essential to broaden the vision to Africa as a whole.

Spiritual attack

Pastor Victor's participation turned out to be a key to the Germany outreach and to its mandate. His inability to walk, right from setting foot in Berlin, and his complete healing soon after coming home, can illustrate the power that the enemy can bring to bear to try to thwart God's plans. Our kingdom involvement with Germany will continue. Let us be prepared for spiritual attacks, which are bound to come.

Prayer for the nation of Germany

The monthly prayer for Germany led from Pretoria needs to be revitalized to take account of the fresh mandate we received and of the impact it has already brought. May the Germany team and its nearly hundred intercessors play a leading role in this. Two scriptures which came up strongly during the visit, can inspire the continuing prayer for Hermannsburg and the nation of Germany.

"For the LORD will not reject his people; he will never forsake his inheritance." (Psalm 94:14 - Daily Watchword for 28.September 2023 brought by our host);

"The high and lofty one who lives in eternity, the Holy One, says this: "I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts." Isaiah 57:15