

A Liddle Good News



From the Wycliffe ministry of David and Katherine Liddle, April 2010

In case you can't tell, the image in the top corner is a man crossing the finish line. On Monday, March 29, I started the last of the email migrations assigned to me, and the last one for which our department was responsible. Wow ... it was an odd feeling, knowing that I wouldn't have to do another. We had some quiet cheers in the office when I made the announcement – but threw a party and picnic later in a city park.

In the end, just over 600 accounts were handled in one way or another. Five of us accounted for about 400 of those. One of my volunteers, who lives most of the year in California, did 128 – more than one-fifth! In fact, more than one-third were done by volunteers among our staff. Thank God for those men, and their wives, who give their time in such service!

Now my team and I will turn our attention to tying up the loose ends of the project and improving our ability to service the email programs that our people are using now. For some, this change will challenge and stretch their knowledge and skills. Please pray for God to open their minds to the new work ahead of them.

This email project was my last major commitment with the IT group in Dallas. Its end signals the beginning of my withdrawal from working here. It's time to gear up for Wycliffe Europe and our move to Germany!

Around the house, you can see the signs that change is seriously underway. Paint is going on the walls, carpet is being torn up to prepare for new flooring, and old toys and clothing are working their way out to sales. Katherine finished the paperwork for health care in Germany, and we have all applied for our passports (or renewals). And there *might* be just a *few* other things we need to do yet.

Now that the health insurance forms are complete and we have a tentative figure for our health care costs, we also have more specific information about our financial needs for living in Germany. We're often asked the "How much?" question when we talk about the move. We need to receive about \$2,000 more from donors each

month. That's the ballpark figure. God can do that without blinking, if we all ask Him together, again and again!

And speaking of ballparks, it *is* that time of year again, as you can see in the pictures. This spring season will be the boys' last chance to play baseball for a while. That's Caleb scoring a run for the Express and Jonathan at bat for the Raiders.

David, for Katherine, Jonathan, and Caleb



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