



# LaDage Update

## Church planting catalysts in Europe

What would you do if you received a Macedonian call as Paul did? In Acts 16:6-10, I read where he went down to Troas and during the night had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” Paul and his companions got ready at once to leave for Macedonia. I admire their ability to pick up and go without questions, doubts, or belongings holding them back. In June, Bobby and I didn’t receive a vision, but a phone call from a pastor in Birmingham, England, asking us to come over and lead the City to City church planting network across England. There are pastors and church planters in 20 cities across the UK and Ireland who want to start more churches, but they need help. Since we would add this to our present ministry in Central and Eastern Europe, we researched the idea of moving and found out it would be cheaper to fly from Birmingham than from Berlin to many of the cities where we already work.

Birmingham is the second largest city in England and the 5th most influential in Europe. It is also the most culturally diverse, so there

are opportunities for helping plant churches among different ethnic groups. Since our future partners are excited about seeing their cities filled with vibrant, gospel-preaching churches, how can we say no!

In our last newsletter, we wrote that in October we must be out of Germany for a year because of visa restrictions between the US and Germany. This applies to all US citizens who have lived in Germany for 5 years, so for the past 6 months we have been praying for God to show us what to do and we believe this is his answer. Although we are still in the decision process, we are asking you to pray for us as we visit Birmingham the second week of September for a face to face meeting with those whom we would be working with.



Psalm 1:1-3, Please pray we will

1. continue to seek God's guidance.
2. meditate on his Word.
3. stay rooted in Christ.
4. be a blessing to those around us.
5. live according to God's will
6. adjust our lives to his calling

Unfortunately, I'm not like Paul. I have doubts, and I'm not excited to move to yet another place! In fact, I always thought when we relocated again it would be to America. Even though we've lived in 4 countries, it doesn't make it any easier to move another time. Birmingham is cold, rainy and dreary most of the year, which reminds me of Moscow and how depressed I was because of the weather. Then there is the decision about what to take with us. For the first time in our lives, we were able to furnish our apartment in Berlin the way we wanted and not have to live with someone else's decor. I know this sounds silly, but I'm a woman. Our potential partners have offered to pay our moving costs, which is very generous, but most of the apartments are furnished.

Please pray for us to know if this is indeed God's plan, and if it is, then for God to give me a heart like Paul, who heard God's call and left immediately. Pray for us to find an apartment and for the decision as to what to bring. Pray for us as we leave friends whom we've come to know and love in Berlin.

I will keep you posted on what happens. In Him, Teresa

