

Salvation Has Come!

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Three years, 5 months and 11 days - praise the Lord!
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We have exciting, wonderful news to share! Salvation has come to our gemeente (community). On Sunday we received a visit from a couple from Lichtenstein who had previously visited us in the summer. Dieter and Ursi live in a very luxurious motor home and travel all year around Lichtenstein, Switzerland, Austria, Germany and Holland. Dieter is a young 70 and a young believer full of life. Ursi must be her late 50's and did not profess a saving faith in Jesus. You might remember our sharing a story about a man who was paralyzed and was miraculously healed. Dieter was scheduled to have his legs amputated after years of being in a wheelchair. During pre-op tests, the Lord instantaneously healed his legs. Dieter danced out of the operating room shouting, "It's a miracle!" The doctors confirmed his healing.

And so it was that they joined us again for Sunday service in our home. Dieter admitted that it was unexpected, but recognized that the Lord had gone ahead and prepared the way for them. For instance, the journey was plain sailing and the camping place, though closed for the general public for the season, was opened just for them. He just didn't know how far the Lord had prepared the way and what the Lord had in mind for Ursi.

Ursi came to us with some significant pastoral needs. She had previously experienced serious medical issues and, in fact, had just returned from a two months "kur" (rehabilitation treatment). She was in need of some deep ministry. In her background was dabbling in the occult and there was a strong sense of Satan holding her in bondage. During the service, we prayed and laid hands on them. Ursi felt some release. After the service we invited them to stay for lunch. It was during this time, we noticed how frail Ursi actually was. At times she barely managed to finish a sentence without having to pause half way through, grasping for words. Her breathing was heavy and strained, as if the life was literally being squeezed out of her. It was painful to watch her suffer, but God wasn't finished with her. On Tuesday they returned to our home for our Bible study. Following a time of prayer and ministry, Ursi was set free and gave her life to the Lord! The change in her countenance could not have been more marked. It was the first time in a long time that she was able to communicate freely, the first time when she was able to smile, the first time she was able to breathe freely, the first time she found peace. And so it was that what Dieter said was true: there was some reason why they came to us on a whim! Some reason, and what a reason!

With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God. --Mark 10:27



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