

September 2026 Germany, Ukraine, UK

GERMANY

It was over 22 years ago that Duncan and Cindy baptized Dominik and Anja in a bath tub in their apartment in Lichtenberg, Berlin:



As you can see, they were holding their first child, RAHEL. At the time, Cindy cross-stitched a Psalm 127:3 for her in German [English: "children are a heritage of Yahweh. The fruit of the womb is His reward"]. Anja kept that all these 22 years- and she and Dominik went on to have a further four children. About a year ago, Rahel, now in her mid 20s, started attending our Saturday morning Zoom church meetings, and finally decided to be baptized. So Duncan and Evia with great joy went over to Berlin to baptize her:





About a year ago, sister Ilka was baptized near Berlin, and she too attends our Saturday morning Zoom meetings. She kindly picked us up and took us to a beautiful lake [the Glienicker See] where the baptism had been arranged. And awaiting us there was a crowd of about 25 people, all invited by Rahel.. Mainly youngsters The weather was ideal, so Duncan was able to give a talk about the Gospel to the group, translated into German by Rahel's younger brother. It was wonderful to be able to preach the Gospel to an intently interested crowd of secular German folks:





Sister Ilka finally meets sister Rahel, after a year of meeting online:



Afterwards we all went back for a barbeque. Evia was in her element, surrounded by many teenagers and young folks, fascinated to learn that you can in fact learn the truth of the Lord Jesus and be baptized into Him without the need for high church churchianity. You can hear in the video how the translator succeeded in finding a term in German for the word "churchianity" [not that the word really exists in English either!].



The video is in English and German and would be a good resource to share with any German speakers- <https://youtu.be/FySNeARDsns> . There's no doubt that so many European folks, especially younger people, are seriously interested in God and the Bible's message. They are put off by their images of "church" but that's for us to explain and overcome for them. And after a couple of generations of agnosticism in Europe, they bring few doctrinal preconceptions with them

UKRAINE

There's something practical you can do for brother Igor and sister Nina- apart of course from praying for them. Igor and Nina have been baptized some years and were lifelong believers

before that. Nina lost the bottom half of one leg and gallantly gets around on crutches. They have been housed in a formerly derelict property very far from anywhere. They did their best to survive as subsistence farmers. The Military Police came and grabbed brother Igor, despite him being his wife's only carer, and took him off to military training. Whilst undergoing training, he had a major heart attack and was released as an invalid. His health isn't strong and he relies on heart medication. The day after Mark and Duncan delivered a goat to them in August, the Military Police returned and took him away again, despite his invalidity. He has been taken to the front line and is being forced to dig trenches and dugouts. Working long hours with little food, no medication, and with no appropriate clothing for the work. He is exhausted and feels so ill with his heart issues and no medication. Nina is unable to harvest their potatoes without him. It's a very hard situation. He is in need of various things, and Nina asks if we can send him:

Long johns [warm inner trousers]

Tea and coffee

Boots size 43 European size, that's 8.5 / 9 UK size

Waterproof rubber overshoes for the boots, also known as galoshes, as he is in muddy, water filled trenches all the time

Warm socks

Toiletries [soap etc.]

Would anyone come forward to do this? If you can, please contact us and we'll let you know his address. We suggest from UK using <https://novapost.com/en-gb/international/send-to-ukraine-parcel/>, being careful to describe the goods as of no commercial value otherwise [believe it or not] they will try to make him pay import duty on these things. You can work out from there what the likely cost will be to you.

This situation is pretty typical; throughout Ukraine there are shops selling military equipment, where families can buy proper military gear and send it to their sons on the front who are just not provided with decent equipment.

To focus your prayers here are some photos of them from the latest visit:



UK

After church on Sunday we drove up to North London to meet SEAN, a lovely guy who lives alone and has slowly, carefully read through the entire Bible a number of times. But like so many, was put off by churchianity. He has a shower and no bathtub and so we took him to sister Raquel's place. Raquel and her cousin Reynard were baptized three years ago at the 2023 garden party in Croydon. She's just had her kitchen and bathroom renovated so she was so happy to use them for the Lord. And made us a great meal in celebration. Such a really happy time doing the Lord's work with everyone walking in step with the Spirit. It's called "the fellowship of the Spirit".





PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized
- For our brothers in Ukraine being forced into the army against their will
- For one legged sister Nina without her husband's help to harvest their crops
- For wisdom as we seek to take the true Gospel further in western Europe

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks