

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7

WIESBADEN CHURCH PLANT

A CHURCH FOR
ENGLISH-SPEAKERS
AND THE MILITARY
WITH A HEART FOR GERMANY



Why Germany?

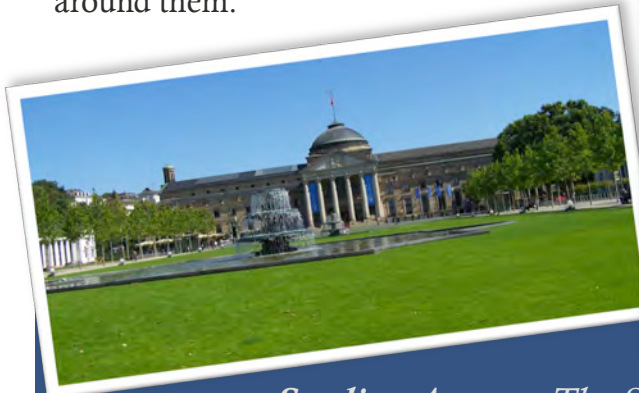
Knowing Christ and growing in the faith are steep uphill battles in Germany. 1% of Germans are evangelical Christians. Most areas are entirely without any Gospel preaching. The good news is that God has placed English speaking believers in their midst. Who will minister to them in this dark land where the church is virtually non-existent? Moreover, how can they be useful for Christ's Kingdom? We believe God is calling us to minister to English speakers so that they may grow and in turn minister to those around them.

Why Wiesbaden?

Wiesbaden has over 275,000 people. It is strategic for church planting because of the large English speaking civilian population and nearly 15,000 military personnel. Situated in the economic heart of Germany, Wiesbaden is 30 minutes from Frankfurt (pop. 650,000) and 10 minutes from Mainz (pop. 190,000). There are few solid English speaking churches in the area and none that are reformed.

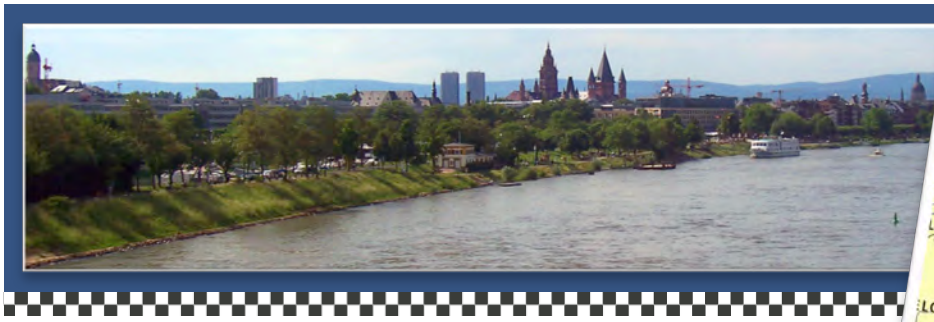
Why the Gelstons?

We have long had a spiritual burden for Germany. Nora grew up in Bad Breisig, Germany, located one hour north of Wiesbaden. She became a Christian as a foreign exchange student in the USA. Philip is from Florida and served for six years in the National Guard. He is ordained as an evangelist and has been sent out by the Southeast Alabama Presbytery for the planting of this church. Philip and Nora are motivated by a love for Christ's church, the Military and the German people.



Sending Agency: The Southeast Alabama Presbytery of the P.C.A.

Sending Sponsors: Ministry to the Military International & Sycamore Presbyterian Church



Mission Focused

Our mission is to reach English speaking expatriates and military personnel for Christ. We want their time in Germany to be one where they actually grow closer to God. In a land where most pay no acknowledgment to their Creator, these believers will be a light in the darkness.

Once the church becomes self-sustaining and self-governing, our goal is to aid in German church planting efforts.

Biblical Teaching

God gives life through His Word. Therefore our preaching must be sound, winsome and reverent. We are committed to the historic reformed faith and we believe that God has given us a message that is as relevant now as ever.

Church Family

Jesus said "by this the world will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." Therefore we are passionate about fellowship, shepherding and serving those in need. The church is the family of God and so we look forward to being a haven for many who are far away from home.

Our Timeline

- *August 2011* – Arrive in Germany
- *September 2011 to February 2012* – Language School, Core Group Meetings, Familiarization with Area
- *January 2012* – Website Up, Meeting Location Chosen
- *April 2012* – Worship Services Begin on Easter!
- *Summer 2012* – Hosting an Outreach Mission Trip

About Us

Philip has served as Associate Pastor of Sycamore PCA, Midlothian, VA from 2005 to 2011. He is a graduate of Westminster Theological Seminary (2004). He and Nora have two boys: Paul (4), Thomas (3) and a baby due in May!

Ministry to the Military International is our sponsoring organization, providing directional and financial support. They have successfully planted two other churches. The **Southeast Alabama Presbytery** is the governing agency and they have commissioned Philip as an evangelist for this work.

Ways You Can Help

Please Pray For:

1. The many transitions in moving to Germany & Phil's ability to learn the language
2. Our hearts to be prayerful, humble and joyful
3. That the church would honor Christ and be fruitful for Him

Our Financial Needs:

One-time gifts totaling €15,000 (\$22,000) for language school

Monthly support totaling €3,000 (\$4,400 per month) for five years.

For simplicity, we have divided up our monthly support into \$25 shares. Therefore **we need approximately 180 shares of monthly support for five years.**

Support Begins July 1st, 2011

Contact Information:

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Make Checks Payable & Mail to:

Wiesbaden Presbyterian Church
PO Box 1533
Waynesville, NC 28786

Statement of Pledge to

Support the Wiesbaden Church Plant

Prayer: Yes, I (we) will pray regularly for this ministry. _____

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Provisions – Financial Tax Deductible Gifts:

I (we) will provide a one time gift in the amount of \$ _____

I (we) will support this mission by purchasing _____ share(s) at \$25 per share for five years.

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Mark here for information on direct deposit / withdrawal.

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