

Dear Praying Partners,

Well, we are on the last leg home. Tonight, the Lord willing, we will arrive back home!

Our stopover in Munich, Germany was an extraordinary introduction back to Western culture. We were met at the airport by Jerry's life long German friend and his wife who quickly led us through the efficient train system to our hotel. As we dragged our large suitcases through the snow covered streets and whizzed through the on time railway system, it was clear that we were back in a culture with which we were much more familiar.

After a good nights rest in a quality hotel, we took train and then bus on Wednesday to the Dachau concentration camp where we spent over 4 and half hours learning about and remembering the horrors of a twentieth century German administration gone so terribly wrong. It was a sobering reminder to us of the presence of evil in our own culture and the desperate need that still remains for the transforming power of the Gospel.

For most of us, our stopover in Germany was also a re-introduction to excellent western food and a few tours around some amazing retail shops and stores. Holger and Sabine, Jerry's old friends, became our new close friends who shared many details about their own lives and culture that inspired and challenged us. In the afternoon and evening we also visited several magnificent cathedrals and caught the opening of a "Light Mass for Mary" in the huge Frauen Kirche at the center of Munich. We watched hundreds of children lead the Cardinal of Munich and several thousand parishioners around the cathedral in a beautiful but mysterious procession. The sights, sounds, and reality of the power of religion to form lives and cultures gave us another opportunity to dig deep into our own souls and reflect on these past 16 days.

We feel so blessed to have been given this opportunity.

Collectively, we have taken several thousand photos. We will be sharing them with many of you in the coming days and weeks. Please give us a few days to process our thoughts and feelings. We look forward to telling you some amazing experiences.

For now, however, we thank you, thank you, thank you for your prayers and notes of encouragement. We are deeply thankful for you.

On the way home.....

The Sunrise India Mission Team