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For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: (2 Corinthians 1:8)

By writing letters that show the result of prayer and hard work, we wish to encourage you in your prayers for us. However, we do not want you to be uninformed about our trials. To work with Gypsies, one must have and maintain the permission of the Gypsy elders. The work is still in the pioneer stage. The Gospel and the commands of Christ are not well received by everyone. There are adversaries. Please pray that the elders will repent and believe.

MEN'S RETREAT...PREACHING, FISHING, FELLOWSHIP... Our Gypsy men came and stayed through good weather and bad weather. We planned 3 services a day and time to fish. We planned breakfast and lunch meals together. Most of our men preferred to eat a snack for supper and fish for eels. Our men attended every class and caught a bunch of fish!

GERMAN RETREAT... we have the privilege to help the "Bibel Baptisten Gemeinde" (Bible Baptist Church) in Nürnberg with some of their projects. This year Becky taught all the children classes during their retreat. Jim taught the young people and adults a course on spiritual gifts.

ON THE ROAD... two days after Easter the first group left for Switzerland. Ten days later the second group left for the Black Forest. Then almost daily we saw people leave town with their caravan. We now have our people scattered over Western Europe. There are small groups left in towns where we have churches. All of our preachers are travelling with caravan or car to "feed the flock". I love the summer church services. Preaching under the stars or in a tent is an adventure that cannot be experienced elsewhere. Back home in the "church building" the faithful few meet with a devotion that is often lost when the building is full.

GYPSIES FROM ENGLAND.... Another reason I love summer work is the opportunity to meet Gypsies from all over Western Europe. A small group of Gypsies from England camped near Nürnberg. Through our visits we determined that one couple had been saved in an evangelistic service in England. They showed concern for the rest of their family to hear the gospel. Before they left our area they attended one of our services. Mondy preached in German and I translated in English. We invited them back to our area and they invited us to England.

Working with German speaking Gypsies requires us to... obtain and keep a valid residence permit from the country of Germany. We will apply to have our "unlimited" resident permit validated in July. Please continue to pray!

July is an important month for us: July 18th is Becky's birthday. In July 1979, 35 years ago, we were called to be missionaries. July 1981, 33 years ago, we attended the Mission Institute and started deputation. July 1984, 30 years ago, Becky and I arrived in Europe for our first term.

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