



## CAMPUS MINISTER IN **GERMANY**

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### **GRÜSS GOTT!**

What have I been up to you ask? Well, my days are filled with language school (which comes with homework), renovating our campus house, meeting students over coffee or playing soccer, getting ready for the exchange students who are coming to help us out, and everything else that has to do with starting a ministry from scratch. It's so much fun and so tiring at the same time.

Here is what's been going on in Tübingen, Germany ... You ever get that feeling? You know the one, right? You're on a roller coaster, climbing up the steep incline that holds your back to the chair, knowing each clink of the chain will inevitably take you to the big drop. It's way past the point of no return. All you can do now is get more scared or more excited.

That is what I feel right now. I got in line for this whole Globalscope thing in October of 2006. I got on the ride in November of 2008. Each day feels as if it is building to something. Something big ... and it's about to start.

This week has been crazy. Language school until noon has been great. I've been eating at the cafeteria, going to cafés constantly, and yesterday, I played my first game of soccer in the snow. Yes, snow. Two full inches on a tennis court. 6 on 6. People were flying, sliding, and falling everywhere. It was fantastic to see 12 guys having so much fun. I even scored my first goal in Germany. Interestingly, all the guys yell "Schön" after anyone does something good, including my goal. But, the interesting part is that schön means "beautiful" or "pretty."



I also managed to find 5 language partners, with whom I will converse in German for half an hour,



then we will speak English for half an hour. I have my first two meetings tomorrow.

The language partners are already proving to be great for not just language. Beth has had a language partner named Stefan for over a month. Last week, she explained to him why we are in Germany and about our goals for our ministry. [dramatic pause] Stefan thought it was great! His questions, that apparently came out quickly, were, "How are you going to advertise? I'm not a Christian, but can I help you advertise? Can I bring friends to your first event? If I invite my friends, they'll all come too." Wow! Right?

So, tonight, Beth, her fiancé (Daniel), and I went to a movie with Stefan and his two friends – Urli and Katharina – who happened to be on the German ski team. I started talking with Stefan and found out he's a fellow snowboarder. I thanked God real quick for that one. I feel as if we are going to get along. And then on the walk back, Urli asked if I wanted to be her language partner.

Needless to say I'm stoked. I hope each of you knows that you made tonight possible. Your prayers have helped me adjust so much better than even my director expected. Your words of encouragement and emails make me want to keep going and going. Your financial support allowed me to get into the movie.

Thank you so much.

## **SÜDWESTCHRISTLICHEKIRCHEARBEITSMANNSCHAFT**

One thing I love about Germany is the ability to make long words, just like the one above. It means Southwest



Christian Church work team. Last month, an entire team from Southwest Christian in East Point, GA, came to spend a week helping us renovate our campus house. We have been preparing for them for about three months. With their help, we knocked down walls, jack-hammered through a concrete wall for a new entrance, rewired the basement, transformed the cellar into a kitchen, and much more. We had hoped to complete everything, but were unable to because of unforeseen problems with the house. Please check out my blog ([chandler7.blogspot.com](http://chandler7.blogspot.com)) for more information about the house.

Besides helping us out with the house, they were a joy to have around. It is amazing how comforting it is to hear so many people saying "y'all" in a Southern accent after over two months in Germany.

If you were involved, I would like to thank you. Thank you so much for sacrificing your money, time, and energy for this new ministry. Though you may have not known the Globalscope-Germany team very long, your faith in our dreams is greatly appreciated and a constant

encouragement. I hope you and everyone involved with Globalscope-Germany will soon see the fruit of their labor and sacrifice. Our campus house is going to be one of the strongest and most frequently used tools in our ministry. Through all the wiring, demolishing, rebuilding, grouting, cleaning, and painting, we hope to create a loving environment where students can find a home away from home.

For everyone involved directly and indirectly, thank you.

## UNTERWEGS

Public Service Announcement: Globalscope Germany has an official name: *unterwegs*. After careful, thought out consideration, prayer, and asking Germans, we (Globalscope-Germany) have decided to call our ministry *unterwegs*, which translates into "along the way." We find that very fitting for a university setting and even as Christians. The German students are not here to stay. The University of Tübingen is simply a five-year transitional period from youth to adulthood, bewildered to learned, naive to mature, where they will become who they are for their remaining years on this earth. During that time of change, we at *unterwegs* hope to alter their course toward God by giving advice, hanging out, and showing every student who walks through our doors the completely unconditional love of Christ along the way.



## SUPPORT

Right now, 85% of my support has been committed. We have come a long way. I just need a little bit more. As much as it irks my technical mind not to present you with awesome graphs, they will return shortly. I only hope you enjoy looking at them half as much as I enjoy making them. Once Excel has returned to my computer, I plan to bust out some truly amazing graphs. So, just be ready.

But, as far as needed support goes, I still need just over \$700 more per month for me to stay in Germany permanently. If you would like to become a financial supporter, please visit Chandler's Support Page on my blog ([chandler7.blogspot.com](http://chandler7.blogspot.com)). And if you know anyone who might have an interest investing in a worthwhile cause, please spread the word. I'm always looking to meet new friends and share my mission and ministry.

## PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISES

- *Praise God that our team is starting to establish relationships with students.*
- *Pray for my continued language learning.*
- *Pray that the unterwegs team will listen intently to God's direction.*
- *Pray for our team's support raising, for those who are here and those who will be soon.*
- *Pray for our exchange student getting ready to come soon.*

*Exciting news. Here are some students you can pray for:*

- *Stefan*
- *Sara*
- *Anna*
- *Steffi*
- *Ulri*
- *David*
- *Esra*
- *Mario*
- *Elena*
- *Katharina*
- *Chris*
- *Morat*

Most importantly, I would like to thank God and you for getting me here. Adjusting hasn't been an easy road, and I have learned a lot along the way. I'm where I am because you believe in me. I love that you have my back. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Sincerely,

Chandler Creel

