
TRACT DISTRIBUTION IN FRANKFURT

Another of our ministries at Frankfurt was the distribution of German language Gospel tracts. On Sundays, after we had all been to church services, various members of Youth For Christ would meet at a location such as Hauptbahnhof, or the Frankfurt Zoo, or a bridge crossing the Main River, and greet German civilians with "Etwas zu lesen," Several bridges on the Main were temporarily renamed by the US military for easy identification. Most had been badly damaged by the bombing of Frankfurt. One, "The Brooklyn Bridge," remained open only to foot traffic into the center of the city. Another was "the Golden Gate Bridge" As we distributed the tracts and tried to speak German, we hoped that the people would understand that we were asking if they would like something to read. They politely took the tracts and we optimistically believed that many would become Christians or become encouraged in the faith. I am sure however, that many were simply curious about the American soldiers. Personally, I had written to several Christian publishers in the United States requesting tracts, and they sent us many. In fact, our YFC newsletter in September reported that we were distributing over 50,000 tracts a month. Almost 30 different tract organizations sent them.

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missionaries
Leipzig
that
proceeds

**"AND AFTER HE HAD SEEN THE VISION,
IMMEDIATELY WE ENDEAVORED TO GO"
(Acts 16:10)**

FRANKFURT, GERMANY: "Last Sunday afternoon we distributed 10,000 tracts. Our committee is growing in spirit and membership. Therefore we will have need of an increased quantity of tracts, especially of German text. Enclosed is a love offering of ten dollars. We pray you will accept this in the Name of Christ Jesus. We will be sending more from time to time." (This is from the Youth for Christ in Frankfurt, a group that doesn't just meet and sing songs and listen to a speaker, but a group that goes out into the highway and byway with the Gospel.)



Thousands of tracts are passed out
weekly by YFC



Though our regular meetings were held at Roundup Chapel within the fenced military compound, we were allowed to “sign-in” German guests. As such we met some very fine Christians who expressed gratefulness for the liberation that the Americans and the Allied forces had brought them even though their loss was so great. Many had seen their homes destroyed, their city ruined and loved ones disappear in a variety of ways. One of those individuals was Guenther Vahlberg of the nearby town of Hochst. I first met him when I became Chaplain’s Assistant at McNair Barracks in Hochst in October 1946. He was fifteen years old and was helping Chaplain John B. Youngs as an interpreter. The Chaplain not only conducted service in the small chapel on the compound, but led English speaking worship services at the Lutheran church. At that time after the war,, many wives joined their husbands in the military and gathered together on Sundays for worship. This was the church that Gunther and his mother attended, and we found them to be very fine Christians. I tell more about Gunther and his mother in my life’s “Chrono.”

A FOLLOW-UP STORY OF “ROUNDUP CHAPEL”

In November 1990, my wife Isabel, and our daughter Barbara visited Germany on vacation. We went to Frankfurt and in addition to touring the sites that I had seen in 1946 after the bombing of 1945, we found Round-Up Chapel, as we once called it 241 Eschersheimer Strasse. It had become a Lutheran Nursery School. Though it was a Saturday and the school was closed we found a janitor who allowed us to enter. What an emotional moment to stand there forty-four years later and remember those deep spiritual experiences when I was so young joining together with others in the military in singing the praises of the Lord while so far away from home. Here I am in 1990.



For the records sake, I want to list the names of some of those who participated in Youth For Christ in Frankfurt, Germany during my stay there between February 1946 and December 1946:

Chaplain Dwight L. Baker, 508 Parachute Infantry, Hedderheim

Chaplain Pat Patterson

Chaplain John B. Youngs, Hochst

Chaplain Katt

Chaplain Gillenwaters, Bamberg

Chaplain Eugene Myers, Bad Tolz

Chaplain Paul J. Maddox, Chief, Y-74

Chaplain James O. Todd

Chaplain O. L. Bryant, 3rd Infantry

Chaplain Lloyd O. Barker, Roundup Chapel

Chaplain Fine

Chaplain Eli D. Richard, Wiesbaden
Chaplain McBurney
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Chaplain Jones, Rhein-Main
Rev. Kolf
Sgt. Ernie Brooks
Sue Price
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B. C. Faulkner
Bill Dowdy
Dick Dumas
George P. Smith
David Quinten
Bill Huggins
Darrel Weage
Robert Albright

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John Cornwell
Chuck Spangler
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Earl Adkins
Sibyl Stump
Chuck Zulker
Harry Wilmouth
Bill Bailey
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Winfred Brown
Bill Young
Ralph Shannon
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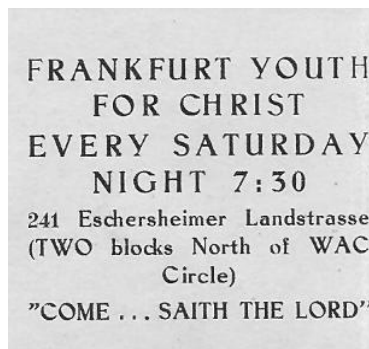
Of course, there were many others who both preceded us, and followed us after we had left for the States. Hopefully, someone else will record their names and the events that happened during their stay in Frankfurt. It would also be of interest in knowing about other places in Germany, like Augsburg, where there were Youth For Christ meetings.

In December 1946 I was scheduled for discharge from the Army and returned to the United States in January 1947. My last days in Germany were over Christmas 1946 in the icy cold weather at Bremmerhaven on the North Sea waiting for the troop ship.

Frankfurt Youth For Christ continued. As I look back, I can say, with considerable emotion, that those days and experiences helped me, not only in the development of my walk with Christ, but they were also a foundation upon which I built a future ministry. My heart is filled with gratefulness to the Lord for those days and for the impact that so many individuals had upon my life.

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Jesus said, "I am the way.
The truth, and the Life."
John 14:6



Paul said, "For to me to live
is Christ."

Phil. 1:21

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A group enthusiastic,
A place that's tops to go,
The program's quite fantastic,
Come down and help us grow.

Sue Price

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"EVERY CHRISTIAN A WINNER OF SOULS"

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An Unexpected Candlelight Service

What a surprise it was, when the lights in the chapel went out, as we were singing a hymn at the Heddernheim evening worship service on September 23. How unexpected it was! But although we had no light in the chapel, the Spirit of God was truly lighting our hearts and everyone could sing praises unto God. After we had sang a few choruses and hymns, in the dark, it was a very beautiful and attractive sight to see the lighted candles on the pulpit and along the aisles.

But most of all, it was a joy to see those who came from spiritual darkness into God's glorious light and salvation. Truly our precious Saviour is "The Light of the World". If it is the Lord's will, I hope to enjoy another candlelight service in the near future. EITHER EXPECTED OR UNEXPECTED!

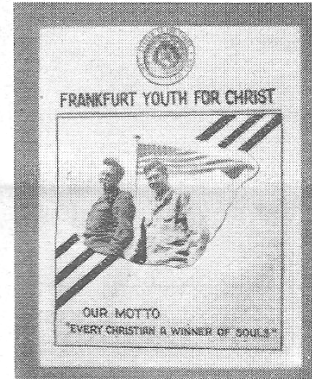
GEORGE P. SMITH.

"We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us."

Romans 8:37

Tract Conversation

Your right, Dave, they are all swell Christian fellows, who are eager to give the gospel to the Germans, in the way of Tracts, No, they don't have to give up their Sunday afternoons to pass out these tracts, but they feel it their Christian duty, and each one will assure you that they receive great joy and a real thrill to see the eager hands reaching out for the word of God No, you never have to worry about getting rid of the tracts, which come flowing in at about 30,000 a week, from almost 30 different tract organizations. The Lord is continually blessing us with a new supply almost daily The Golden Gate Bridge is a very busy spot for the "tractizers" along with the Brooklyn Bridge, the Haupt Bahnhof: and the Frankfurt Zoo is like Times Square, New York. . . . Did you say you knew some fellows who would like to help us, but don't know how to go about it. Well, all they have to do is go to the Chaplains Serzice Center each Sunday at 1:30 P.M.; that is the meeting place for the "tractizers". Then "Silky" will tell them where the best place is for distributing them, and just grab an armload and take off. —And you'll soon be back for another load, for the people will take them quicker that you can pass them out Yes, Dave thats the way it is everey Sunday, so lets get on the ball, and give these fellows a hand. (No more sleeping Sunday afternons from now on). Lets all help "Tractize" Frankfurt.



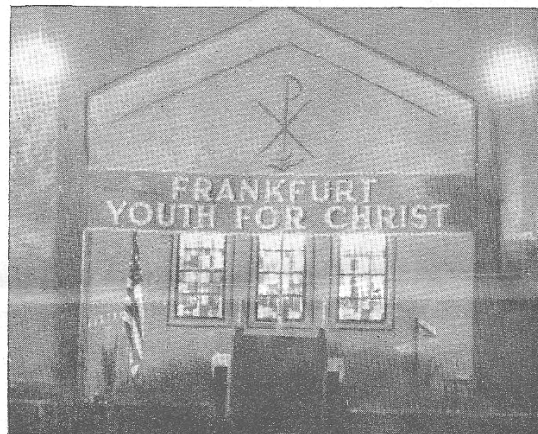
The cover Picture

The picture on the cover was taken at the Rally on the Rhine. The two fellows are Junior Heath and Don (Goldie) Creswell, council members of YFC.

The picture was taken by David Quinten as they sat on the rail of the boat with the stars and strips for a background.

ROUNDUP CHAPEL

Here many have found the Lord.



Jesus said "I Am the way the truth, and the life John 14; 6

Redeployment Hits YFC Council

Don't laugh its not funny, in the past week a couple have left, and in the next month 12 to 15 more are leaving. At the council meeting tuesday night. President of Youth For Christ, John Cornwell, a PFC who insist that PFC stands for Personal Friend of Christ, turned in his resignation, and told every one good by. The lucky boy is going to the states, to his home and (Barbara). We'll sure miss Johnny, Its not eyery day that you can find fellow so wholly concrated to the Lord, and so concerned with the souls of his fellow men. He has truly done a great job of keeping YFC going onward and upward.) But knowing Johnny, we know he would not want the credit for himself. If you were to ask him about the sucess of Frankfurt Youth for Christ, He would probably, speaking very calmly, say "Youth For Christ is not the work of men but is the Work of God. Our Prayers are with you Johnny, and all you other fellows who are leaving us. We shall always remember you, and pray that God will be with you as you go the States, to your homes and love ones. May you continue to live for Him there.

Taking Johns place as president of YFC is Bill Zulker. Bill who is well known for his zeal for the Lords work, is very capable of carrying on where Johnny left off. Those who have been around YFC for any length of time have seen Bill, as he is often masters of cermonies at the youth Rallies. Bill is also due to go home in a couple months, but while he's here lets give him all the backing



Old President
Johnney Cornwell



New President
Bill Zulker

he needs, in prayer and in effort, and may the Lord guide us as we continue in His work.

Also leaving us is Jim Fitts, Vice president of YFC. Jim was Chaplain assistant for Paratrooper Chaplain Dwight L. Baker. Jim also was many times the Master of cermones for out rallies He is a Bob Jones College boy, and certainly a testimony for the Lord.

Taking his place as Vice President of YFC and by coincidence also Chaplains assistant is Bob Wood. Bob we remember for the excelent way he led the singing and assisted Chaplain Baker in the Revival some weeks ago. Bob one-time worked with Percy Crawford, in Youth Rallies back in the states. He is another of our on the Ball Christians giving his all for the Lord.

It would take quite some time to tell about all the fellows who have left are leaving— Pray for them and may the Lord go with them, and watch over them while we are absent one from another.