

**Groundwork Ministries
Mission Germany 2010**

FAQ's

How do we communicate while we are there if we don't speak German? There will be someone with us at all times that can speak the language. There are also MANY Germans who speak English! When we are doing the ministry events (Kindercamp, worship, etc.) there are people to translate. We also design programming so that there is a lot of actions and miming to get across the message.

What kinds of things will we be doing there?

Kindercamp – Similar to what we do as Vacation Bible School. Kindercamp will vary from a one day in Frankfurt to 3 mornings in other locations. We will do music, crafts, stories and games with the kids. There will be teams leading simultaneous Kindercamps. The McAvoy's have done Kindercamp at 2 of these churches in the past and have relationships with many of the people there. Kindercamp is a great outreach tool for the churches to their communities and they get lots of kids who don't normally go the church!

Sports Camp – These are very laid back. It has become a tradition to teach them baseball, which most Germans know very little about. There is now a traditional baseball game – Germans vs. Americans. We will also be teaching them basics of other sports as well. These take place on the afternoons of the days of Kindercamp. You DO NOT have to be involved in sports camp if it is physically too difficult. You can be a spectator and encourager!

Worship – The teams will be leading worship at an English speaking church in Frankfurt, as well as the churches where we do Kindercamp. The Kindercamp kids will be involved in the worship, singing songs, etc. The goal is to have kids bring their parents, who are often reluctant to come to church at all. In the past, the church has been overflowing! Again, an amazing tool for these churches to reach outside of their walls and bring people in to hear The Message. With Option 1 there will be opportunity to worship at the Mission Fest, with missionaries from all over and their families.

Relationships – As we will be staying with host families, you will build relationships with German families and build life long friendships and memories. The relational part of the Kindercamp is the biggest tool we have to offer them. The kids are hungry for God's love and we have the opportunity to shower them with it! There will also be amazing relationships built with the people at the church in Frankfurt, whom will be joining our teams in doing the Kindercamp/Sports Camp ministries!

Touring – We will have a minimal amount of touring – because the reason we are going is to minister to the German people by helping churches there reach out to their community. However, we will experience a couple of days of the German/European history, culture and architecture in Berlin, Wittenburg, Frankfurt and Leipzig (subject to change). Understanding more about the German people helps us to better ministry to them as well. However, the way you are going to most learn about German culture, is by staying with your host families and getting to know the families in the places we serve!

Where will we be staying? For the most part, we will be staying in host family homes, the retreat center for the Missionfest (Option 1 and 2 people only), and 3 nights of hotel. The host families are chosen to try to match you with people you may connect best with – and all will have someone who can speak English! When in a hotel it will be based upon 2 per room and hotels will be clean, comfortable, and most likely 3 or 4 star quality.

How will we get around in Germany? For the most part, we will travel by train from town to town – which is often times a new experience for Americans! It is a great way to travel, and while traveling we get to talk, play cards, or nap – building relationships with each other. We will be taking public Bus system very minimally, mainly to/from the airport, and possibly around Berlin on the touring day there.

What is included in the Groundwork Mission Trip Fee: The cost that you pay to Groundwork includes airfare, transportation in Germany, touring fees, all housing, most meals, and all programming by Groundwork (including preparation resources, fundraising ideas, forms, planning and leading of the experience). The estimated additional costs to you might be for passport (est. \$85-100), travel insurance (est. \$20-25), food on transit and touring days (est. \$125) and souvenirs.

It all sounds great – but how can I come up with that much money? There are MULTIPLE ways to raise money for this. First of all, if God is putting this on your heart – HE WILL MAKE A WAY! Not meaning you won't have to work at it, of course. Groundwork will provide you, and/or your church, with fundraising ideas and resources. Fundraising can be actual fundraiser events, but also asking for sponsors from friends/family, and even your local community.