

Dear friends,

I hope you are enjoying a good summer. Here are the most significant updates for praise, thanks and prayer from my life and work with the Internet Publishing Service.

1. New flat: After many months of searching, and then many weeks of waiting for a final answer, we signed a contract on a flat and started to move in almost straight away in late May. The new place is mostly set up, but installing the kitchen and making the whole flat seem welcoming and cosy will still take time. But my two flatmates and I are very happy with a big, light, spacious and good quality apartment in the south of Leipzig's inner suburbs (Südvorstadt), very close to our church as well as lots of nice cafés, bars and restaurants. We even have room for guests to stay, and I'm hoping it will also become a place where we welcome friends and visitors for various events and activities. Nonetheless, it's been a busy early summer and I'm also hoping for a quiet end of July and August... Many, many things to give thanks for - and please pray for the rest of the moving and settling in process.

2. Transfers: Some members of our team have spent the past months doing the checks and manual tweaks required after each one of over 900 websites was transferred onto our 3rd generation software. The new platform is up-to-date and secure; it has much improved layout tools and better integrations with providers of Scripture media content, such as "Gospel Films". The transfer of all the 'live' websites was recently completed, and work has now moved on to transferring some of the websites that are still 'work in progress' so that they also benefit from the new features before they are launched. Please give thanks for this great progress, and also pray for the situations where we have not been able to trace anyone willing and able to maintain and update the contents of websites created in the past for certain language communities of the world.

3. The way ahead: with so much of our system now being maintained on some of the latest technologies, there is scope to expand and build in more new capabilities. As I've mentioned before, we still have a wishlist numbering several hundred ideas, ranging from very straightforward improvements in ease-of-use, to complex new features that will challenge our software development team. Please give thanks for the possibilities open to our project at this juncture, and pray for much wisdom in deciding what we work on next.

Thank you all, and do let me know what I can pray for, for you!

With love from Leipzig,

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