

We pray your holiday season is full of wonder and praise for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

A few weeks ago, we shared with you about the incredible opportunity for Cathy, as an experienced trauma counselor, to go to Germany with I-TEC to work on their latest project to assist a local church in Hamburg with refugees. Initially, the team is going to listen to their stories, build relationships, share the hope of the gospel and begin to address their many traumatic mental health and emotional needs. Upon returning, the team plans to build a reproducible, Christian, group-counseling program designed to train their own lay counselors so that they can help other refugees there in Germany cope with the trauma they have experienced. This is a new ministry focus for I-TEC and Cathy is honored to be a part of it.

We want to thank all of you who responded with your prayers, financial support and words of encouragement. Once again, it is a testimony to the strength of Jesus Christ through His body. The I-TEC team is going with the intentions of passing on that strength and encouragement to others in the body, all of us playing a part of the whole. This trip will be the first of what may become many, as other countries with refugees have already expressed a desire for the same group trauma program. And, since the refugees are the experts of their own cultures, this team will be assisting them as they prepare to take the lead in group counseling. I'm sure our team will learn much from them about suffering and loss as we work together to find common ground through the hope of Jesus.

We greatly appreciate your prayers as the team of five leaves on December 4th and returns on the 12th. (Please pray Cathy won't freeze to death. :-) Then, on the 13th, the hard work begins with writing the curriculum and getting it translated into each of the needed native languages. We will keep you posted on the progress as the Lord leads.

Resting in Him,

Cathy & Ken