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Blessed Advent and Christmas 2015



A Picture taken the day before Grace Meyer departed for Jacksonville, visiting her mother Lill & sister Sue Brodish in Penny Farms Retirement Centre. She will return **December 16th** to serve at Camp.



At the **end 2014**, our cook Vera, from Schwarzenborn, died of cancer. Up until now we still don't have any replacement for her. So Grace as Camp Director is also back in her former profession,

organizing and cooking with some helpers in the main kitchen.

Details of the exact number of overnight stays, paying guests, will be ready by the beginning of next year. We estimate around 4000 overnight stays (person / day) in 2015. The largest group this year was as usual www.sommermusikfest.de with about 120 people in our various buildings, 150 in tents and 100 Campers next door at a farmers field.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j-yviy17u-w>

On **October 31st** we celebrated the first year of the new Christian Community using one building. www.stephanusorden.org



Lay reader Br. Augustinus, left, working part time in the Christian Kindergarten in Schwarzenborn. Prior Thomas, right, supporting + Bp. Gerhard with preaching, organizing church activities and more.



We thank Rev. Brian Foss for supporting the Church and Camp throughout their service in **June**; here St. Andrews Choir, US, sang at a Bible College, and in several Churches. They met 500 German students at a nearby High school and painted the wash house and swings, slides and other things on the playground. The tour at the end covered Cologne, Eisenach (Luther) und the concentration camp at Buchenwald,



Visiting the Mission churches of the Anglican Church / REC in Germany is one of the many responsibilities of Bp. Gerhard. Picture shows Rev. Kirchgessner with two of his church members being confirmed.



After 2 years of teaching German to refugees from fall to spring, Prior Thomas (left) Bishop Gerhard's assistant, took over this ministry. He teaches 2 hours, Tu. – Fr. - 30 refugees from the Middle East in this classroom. 180 refugees living next door.



Picture shows the clergy and lay-reader of the REK www.anglikaner.de meeting at the yearly Synod **End of April**. This year he ordained 3 clergymen, and recently licensed an Evangelist in East Germany.

We thank you for all your prayers, gifts and encouragement in 2015 supporting Camp & the RE Church Mission in Germany.

We ask you to pray for the beginning of St. Benedict Seminar / Study House and next English Camp in 2016 –

<http://www.englishcamp-knuell.de/welcome.html>

Yours + Bp. Gerhard & Grace Ann Meyer