

POSTCARD #1 From PASTOR MIKE RAMMING

CALLAO TO WITTENBERG May 27 – June 3, 2012



Greetings, All!
I was blessed with safe flights from Dulles to Berlin. Had the PM free to see some of the city. Portions of "The Wall" are preserved.

Next morning went to W'berg by train. Always a good way to travel!



Many of you know this place.
John Speckhard, a retired DCE from St. Louis, is the WEM Dep. Dir. on duty now. He got me orientated and settled.

My primary duties are to hold 3 weekday evening English devotions; a weekend English worship service; to circulate around town and "be available." You can bet I'm making the most of my free time to absorb "Reformation" and, of course, take pix!



Devotions are held in the Corpus Christi Chapel – seats up to 30 – alongside The Town Church



W'berg is always a-buzz with Reformation re-enactors and historical interpretations.

Everyday needs are met by the weekly markets on the town square. A lot more fun than the supermarkets, which are located outside the old city.



This week my Saturday evening service was held in the Castle Church.

You were in my prayers! Keep my in yours!

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Pastor Mike



POSTCARD #2 From PASTOR MIKE RAMMING

WITTENBERG ENGLISH MINISTRY June 3 - 12, 2012

Greetings, All!

I pray things continue well with each of you! All's great here and I am getting a lot out of my W'berg ministry and studies. There have been no emergencies, etc. (PTL!) which has meant my days have been enjoyable.



SUN, 3 JUN, I went to Leipzig with the current WEM Asst Dir John Speckhard to hear the Valpo Choir sing at Bach's St Thomas Church. Fantastic!



I've spent lots of my day time hours visiting churches and studying at the Luther House Museum. It is wonderful to have enough time to see everything AND read all the signs! 5 JUN I met and spent time with a group from Moody Church in Chicago. They asked for, and appreciated, extra Lutheran insights in English.

Evening devotions at Corpus Christi Chapel, alongside The Town Church, went well. Attendance numbers were small, but worshipers were from all over the world AND enthusiastic.



6 JUN the town began setting up the Main Square for the Luther's Wedding

Weekend festivities. Big time! Even bigger than Reformation weekend! Luther and Katie were married in the Town Church on 13 JUN 1525. We had about 120 at worship for the 9 JUN, SAT evening service and 13 couples from around the world renewed their wedding vows.



There is most enjoyable cross cultural event each THUR evening: Stammtish (Talking Table) meets at a local café. Anyone is welcome, but only English is spoken. Lucky me! This has been held for years. The locals attend to meet the English visitors and practice their English language skills.

There was plenty to see and do during the Luther's Wedding Festival!



The food and beer were great!

My tour of duty here ends tomorrow, 12 JUN, and I'll go to Berlin for 2 days to visit museums and then head home. Once home, Karen and I will take off for her family reunion. Then, Lord willing, I'll be back 26 JUN!

You all continue in my prayers! Keep my in yours!

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