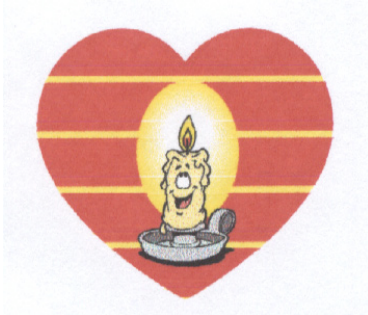


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**“I am the Light of the World”. . .  
yesterday, today, tomorrow  
and forever.**

Dear Friends,

Nature grows and points toward “*The Light*” and oh, how we long for and enjoy the sun, but how much more do we long for our Saviour and Lord to save the lost! Could we pass on the joy our children need today? We did our best by calling our children, “*The Light Bulb Group*” this year. Hungry, they attentively listened to the lessons of a light bulb in different circumstances: broken, none connected or shining. These we connected with spiritual applications. Nevertheless, battles with darkness were heavy this year, as well as strong-willed children with an extra amount of endurance, testing our patience. Each family has its own kind of problems and each nut can only be cracked in a certain way. “*How great thou art*”, I would sing every time He would show me just how to reach out to each one? We dare not leave our eyes off “*The Light*”, which encourages our hearts day by day. Brigitte and I cannot thank you enough for YOUR prayers on our behalf and would ask you to continue. We cannot work without His daily wisdom, joy and patience with our children and their parents. Their trend is inconsistency – and it is hard to deal with. Praise the Lord, patience seems to be the answer. Just recently at Christmas time, I thanked one Mother, who finally succeeded, working in harmony with us. As a result, she stepped over to hug me. That flipped my heart for joy, for Germans rarely hug! This is our opportunity, for we have a message of consistency that can save their lives for eternity. What a privilege! Thank YOU for being a part of this ever-stretching and needy ministry. Thank you for your prayers and financial support, which is like supplying the oil to keep the light shining. Thank you for helping to make it possible for Jesus to continue to shine through us here in Germany!

Never will I forget the moment when we as a family were on top of a hill stopping to look at the villages below by night and my Dad saying, *"This is how God sees the world. All the shining lights are His children."* Oh how I long to continue to share the saving message with my children, so that His light might also shine through each one of them. Using a craft with facial expressions, they could see for themselves, that Adam and Eve made the wrong choice, *"uh"* which resulted in separation from God – the light bulb wire was broken. This is our inheritance. Not a good one to have shown through a sad face. Actually we would throw this light bulb away. It is not repairable. However, in life we have the opportunity to change that, for God in His love has given the greatest gift ever given: Jesus, who repaired the light bulb – through His coming, death and resurrection, so that all who accept this gift can shine, because Jesus shines through us. Can you see the happy face on that light bulb?

During our Christmas celebration, one by one the children noticed different red hearts light up our room by candle light or oil, topping it off with a string of over 20 electrical red hearts shining. What a breathtaking view! Leaving the children with the thought: Jesus came because He wants to shine through YOU. Would you join me in praying that they will never forget that, and that God would use it in their lives? Thank you soooo much!

**May His Light guide, encourage and bless YOU  
each step of the way in this  
New Year of 2008.**

With love,

