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The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

(Psalms 90:10 KJV)

TRANSITIONING FROM PIONEER WORK...

When we began working with the Sinti twenty-seven years ago, there were very few left from the generation of my grandparents. The concentration camps of World War II and the hardships that followed had greatly thinned their numbers. Yet it was this resilient generation that had held their families together through those dark times. They were the living bridge to seven centuries of Sinti presence in Western Europe. Sitting with them and listening as they recounted the stories of their parents and grandparents quickly became one of our favorite pastimes. But now that generation is gone.

The generation of our parents—those who were children during World War II, many of whom rarely attended school because they were busy helping their families find food and shelter—is also leaving us. And now, as my own generation enters our seventies, we have become “the old people.” This reality brings more frequent funerals, and with them, a sober awareness that our days on earth are determined by our Lord.

For the ministry, this shift marks a transition from pioneer work to the next generation. It is deeply comforting and fulfilling to see my children’s generation training their own children in the ministry. Men we once trained are now training new men. Women Becky invested in are now mentoring younger women. Each year we witness people coming to Christ and being baptized through the ministry of these “children and grandchildren.” The summer tent ministry, the winter retreats—all of it has now been taken up by the generation that was made up of young children when we first began. Thank you for your prayers and financial support through those pioneering years. Your partnership continues to bear fruit across generations.

MOVE TO BRUCE’S APARTMENT...

Renovating the apartment has proven to be quite a challenge. Time has become our most precious commodity, and we have so little of it to devote consistently to the work. Even so, in October we were able to offer our current apartment to a missionary couple in transition. They had given their own apartment to an incoming missionary family and suddenly found themselves without a place to stay. Their schedule was often hectic as they helped the new family get settled while simultaneously keeping important personal appointments with government offices. Leaving Germany, as we’ve often said, can be every bit as stressful as arriving.

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PRAYER UPDATES: REQUESTS AND PRAISES

1. Shanti, sister of Maus, Hodgins' Lymphoma
2. Bruce and his family are on furlough in the USA.
3. There is a need for assistance in the ministries in Germany during their absence.

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