Study Tour of the Reformation

Monday, August 11–Sunday, August 17, 2014

In commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reform Movement, we cordially invite you to tour places of historical and religious importance in central Germany. Daily excursions will highlight the life and work of Reformers of the past.

For this tour we will stay at the youth hostel in Naumburg, Germany, which will also serve as our starting point for each day’s outings. In addition, daily spiritual programs and seminars will be held. The schedule of excursions is as follows:

- **Tuesday**—We will visit the Augustinian monastery in Erfurt where, as a monk, Martin Luther struggled to obtain the knowledge of divine grace. Later he also taught here as a lecturer.
- **Wednesday**—We will visit Wartburg Castle (shown above), where Luther was kept under the protection of Frederick the Wise after refusing to recant before the Diet of Worms. It was in this castle that Luther translated the New Testament into German.
- **Thursday**—In Wittenberg, we expect to visit many points of interest: the castle church, where Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door; the city parish church, where he preached; and the homes of Luther and Melanchthon.
- **Friday**—On this day we will be in Halle visiting the “Roter Ochse Memorial,” which was a prison during World War II. This is where Brother Guenther Pietz was executed in 1943 because of his faith.

The week will conclude on Sabbath with a special gathering in Naumburg.

**Registration Information**

Registration deadline: February 28, 2014
Cost: €299 (approximately US $410)—includes lodging, meals, excursions, and entrance fees
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How would you, as a parent, like to hear these words from your child? One happy parent heard the phrase in the title of this article after enrolling her daughter in Orion Christian Academy’s online school.

For years this young student struggled with her studies. She hated school. It was hard. It was boring. She wanted to do anything but schoolwork. She wished it would just go away.

Upon being enrolled in OCA, this young lady took several placement tests to determine in which subjects she was at grade level and in which subjects she needed extra help. Once the testing was over, the fun of learning began. Learning games, hands-on projects and labs, educational videos, and a variety of assignment types opened up a world of knowledge for her. She began to do her work without complaining. She began to ask questions. She began to understand. Finally, she wanted to learn.

It’s easy to think that online schooling is boring. After all, all you do is sit in front of a computer. But OCA provides a varied and challenging curriculum, allowing students to learn at their own paces and have fun along the way. Mastery-based studies and immediate feedback require students to really learn their subjects before moving ahead. Online games and hands-on projects provide that extra dose of fun to keep everything balanced.

Are you interested in enrolling your child in Orion Christian Academy? Email me for more information (margieseely@yahoo.com), and let the joy of learning begin!

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**2014 Calendar**

- **February 28**: Reservation deadline for Reformation Tour in Germany (see first page for details)
- **August 11-17**: Reformation Tour, Germany (see page 1 for details)