

IRCA “Conference Scattered”

Before the International Rural Churches Association’s (IRCA) conference in Altenkirchen, Westerwald, Germany, fourteen participants met on Thursday, September 16th, in Neckarelz, Germany for what we call “Conference Scattered”. The idea of “Conference Scattered” is to learn firsthand about the unique challenges of our host country’s rural communities.

It also gives us a chance to meet one another and to build relationships in a smaller group. With 14 people spending 4 days together, we learned quite a bit about each other. With four full days of experiencing the rural countryside of Neckarelz, as well as two local farm tours, we were truly immersed in rural German community.

“Conference Scattered” is a great way to be introduced to new rural experiences and to take the time to understand the uniqueness of our host country. Getting to meet several of the conference delegates before hand and to establish relationships really helps to take the pressure off those first few days at a conference when everything is strange.

Thank you to Rudy for setting up “Conference Scattered”. And thank you to Rolf for using his contacts to get us all connected so quickly.

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