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Dear Praying Churches and Families,

September/October 2016

Hello from Germany! This past year has been a very good year in Hormannsdorf, Germany. We've had several children accept Christ as their Savior and have had several more baptisms in the river.

Pastor and Mrs. Rose are doing well although there have been a few health scares with them this year. Most recently, we thought Mrs. Rose had a stroke but it ended up being a migraine that started off with stroke symptoms. We are very thankful that it wasn't as bad as we feared. It's been amazing how many people in the church have stepped up to help out in the many different ministries. My pastor in the States used to say that "10% of the people do 90% of the work" which has been true here until this past year or so.

The church has really grown in the past few months, which is amazing because of the loss of many faithful families due to relocation (PCS) with the Army. In the past we've lost a lot of families early in the summer and then didn't really recover until around September, but that hasn't been a trend this year. Many of the families that left didn't leave until August or so, and there hasn't been a lag in attendance due to them leaving. In fact, last week during Patch the Pirate Club, we had 23 children between the two classes. I have never had so many children in Patch Club before and am thanking and praising God for His goodness.

Children's Church: Our attendance in Children's Church has been up to 40, which is a first for us (for the past 12 years anyway). This boom in attendance has made adding to our Children's Church/Patch the Pirate Club workers a priority. Pastor Radank told me that it's a "good problem to have" and I agree. We now have a Pee Wee church, and a Junior Children's church on Sunday morning, a 2-3 year old Pee Wee Patch, a 4-6 year old Pee Wee Patch, and a 6-12 year old Patch the Pirate club on Thursday evenings.

We are gearing up for our annual Christmas play and the children are very excited about putting a play on for the church. These children are amazing. Funny thing, a few of the parts require the children to act naughty, and you wouldn't believe how many of the children want those parts. Kids are the same pretty much everywhere, so maybe you would believe it.

VBS: Our VBS was amazing this year. We invited our local German communities to join us and we had 12 German-speaking children attend throughout the week. Two of our new children in Children's Church and Patch are German children who started coming regularly because of Vacation Bible School this summer. What a blessing!

Family: My mother, Diana Kendrick, has suffered with primary biliary cirrhosis of the liver for about 20 years. Over the past five or six years I've been requesting that you all pray for her to be added to the liver transplant list because her health has been getting worse very rapidly. Mom went on the list in the summer of 2015 and received her new liver on November 27, 2015. She has recovered very well and is planning her first trip to Germany in many years. Thank you for your faithful prayers! Praise the Lord!

Prayer Requests: Please pray for 2 children in Children's Church who are very close to accepting Christ as their Savior. They have been asking questions and have raised their hands that they want to be saved but back off whenever Mrs. Rose or I talk to them about salvation.

Please continue to pray for my brother Timothy's back to continue to heal and for spiritual growth.

Also, please pray for my dad, Johnny Kendrick, and my grandmother Geraldine Kendrick, for recent health concerns. Please continue pray for our troops and their families, our current administration keeps cutting the military budget and this is a concern to many who derive their livelihoods from the government. Please also continue to pray for Pastor and Mrs. Radank and always for the salvation of souls.

I'd like to close with one of my favorite Bible passages. Lamentations 3:21-25 "This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning [Praise God!]: great is thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him."

I thank my God upon  
every remembrance of you.  
Philippians 1:8

Serving the Lord until He comes,  
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