

Dear Praying Friends,

It has been exciting to see the Lord at work in our lives the past few months as we have been getting established here in Germany. There is no joy like the joy that comes from following God's plan! We have been in our language school now for 3 and a half months and we are now able to function and understand much of what is going on around us. Of course, we still do make more than our fair share of mistakes. Just a week ago I was trying to tell somebody about a law that the government (Regierung) had passed. They couldn't understand why the "dry cleaners" (Reinigung) was writing legislation! I guess I'll have to keep those two words straight from now on! As we have mentioned before, we have the opportunity to serve in both the German and American churches here in Oberpfrauentorf, Germany. The missionary working with the German church has had some serious health problems, and has returned to the States for about 6 months to try to get his health back in order. While he is away, we have much of the responsibility of caring for the work. We head up the Blitzi (German AWANA) on Saturdays, and I teach the Bible Study every Wednesday night. Both of those meetings are in German, so I really have to pay close attention to what I am saying. I have found out that 3 months of German only scratches the surface! Fortunately the people are very patient and helpful as we go through this time of transition. We have some other preachers who are helping with the Sunday services – I only have to preach one Sunday a month at this point, and we have a couple of folks who have been able to translate for us. Hopefully I will be able to preach an entire message in German in the near future! I also have been able to help with the music, and have been leading the German music service every Sunday. In addition to that, we have a German youth activity once a month. Julia is in the teaching rotation and this weekend taught her first German Sunday School lesson! Please pray for us as we struggle to become understandable and useful in the German language. Praise the Lord also for the opportunities we have had to witness – I have been able to talk to some of the folks in our language class and give them tracts. I was able to witness to a young man from the Ivory Coast a bit, and Lord willing as we are able to communicate better we will be able to share the entire Gospel with him.

On the home front things are going well – we have pretty much all the household things we need at this point, and the Lord has been very good to us. The kids are working on their German too – please pray for them as they go through this transition with us. It also has been such a blessing to have Julia's sister with us – she has been a great help to us, and has made it possible for Julia to be in language school as well. Lisa has fit right in and has been teaching a Sunday School class in the American church.

As always, thank you for your faithful prayers and financial gifts. The cost of living in Europe has been at an all time high, but through your generosity the Lord has supplied. Thanks for all you do, and we'll be praying for your ministries in the States as we serve the Lord here in Germany.

Yours for Austria,

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Keith Klaus and Family

