

August 24th, 2005

Dear Praying Friends,

It is hard for us to imagine that in September, we will have been here in Germany for an entire year. Our family is doing well and praising the Lord for His goodness! Outside of the weather (which has been unusually cold and rainy) we have had a great summer. The language school has had a summer break for a few weeks, and we pick back up in September. Last month I had the opportunity to preach my first message in German. Although it was difficult, I managed to get through it without making any really BIG embarrassing mistakes. OK, I did make one (that I remember) – I was preaching on the Tower of Babel, and Genesis says that the people lived in a plain in the land of Shinar. I was making the point that the people were content to stay there, because they probably had some good farmland and could reap a great *harvest* (*Ernte* in German). To my own surprise (and everyone else's, too) I used the word for *duck* (*Ente* in German). I can imagine the folks here probably think that American farmers are really strange, because they plant ducks in their fields. We appreciate your prayers as we continue our language study – it seems like the further we go, the more we find out we need to learn. Please pray also for the contacts we have been able to make here in our community. We have been building relationships with several families and have seen several opportunities to share bits of the Gospel with them. They are not generally very open to talking about the Lord, but we have been asked on many occasions, "What is the difference between a Catholic and a Baptist?" We praise the Lord for these seemingly small opportunities, and we are praying that we will see fruit in these families. Please pray for my German teacher – she has promised to come hear me preach in German, and was unable to, because her car broke down. Please pray also for our small German church here – the missionary Pastor, Brother Gary Lillard, is in the States, and he is still having some serious health problems. Please pray that the doctors will have wisdom as they seek to find some answers. Just a note, I have made a few changes on the website, and have added a downloads page with some computer desktop wallpapers and a printable prayer card. We would love to have you browse to our site when you get a chance. It can be found at www.klaustria.com. In the near future we will be adding some more pictures and streamlining it a bit further as we have time. Thanks so much for all you do, and may the Lord richly bless you as you seek to serve Him!

Yours for Austria,

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