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Dear family, friends, and faithful supporters,

Greetings in the name of our Lord! Yes, Christmas season has descended upon Germany! What does that mean? The Christmas Markets are open, the air is crisp and cold, and the stores are about as packed as they are in the States! This time of year always finds us counting our blessings for the ministry God has called us to in this place. God has been so good to us.

Many of you have asked about our building situation, and I would like to briefly bring you up to date. The building where we are currently meeting is indeed going to be torn down in 2010. The American military church, which had graciously allowed us to use their facilities, has found another building close to the Hohenfels military community and moved there. While the location was ideal for them, we felt like it would be too far from the city of Regensburg to be a practical move for us, and that some of our members would have too far to drive. (Keep in mind that we pay between \$7-8 per gallon of gasoline!) The building the Americans had been renting is an old school building that belongs to the town of Beratzhausen. We, as a German church, asked if we could continue using the upper floor while we looked for our own place. They agreed, and we signed the contract this past week. God provided the furnishings miraculously for us – there was almost no chance that we would have our chairs delivered in time for our first “independent” service, but God intervened and provided for us. Another military church nearby also provided us with a piano. What a great God we serve! It has also been a great answer to prayer to see our people step up and take responsibility for the church. We have seen MUCH growth in the last few months! We are still looking for a more permanent meeting place, but we have some time to seek the Lord’s will in this matter. We truly miss the Hohenfels Baptist Church, but we are so thankful for their friendship and generosity to us over the past several years. We will still be working closely with them to help them reach Germans for Christ in their new community.

We have also had some great opportunities the past few weeks. We had near record attendance this past Sunday (38) and have some unsaved folks regularly in the services. I recently started a “beginners” Bible study, and we meet every two weeks to teach the foundational truths of God’s Word. Please pray that we will see souls come to Christ and lives changed as a result of this effort. We also have some families in our church going through some spiritually difficult times – please pray that I will have wisdom and strength to counsel to help them with God’s Word. At our Wednesday evening Bible study, we recently started a series on the “Fruit of the Spirit”; this week we are focusing on joy.

If you have not been to the website in a while, I have recently made some changes – feel free to stop by and see what the Lord is doing here in Germany. You can find us at [www.klaustria.com](http://www.klaustria.com). We were home for about a month this summer, and were able to visit our family and several churches. If you would like to set something up over Skype or video conference, we would love to meet you there. We have done this already with several churches and it has worked great. Lord willing I will be able to come for a 2-3 week visit in the spring, and hopefully I can see some of you then. Thank you so much for your sacrifice and prayer that keeps us on the mission field! We pray for you regularly and thank God for you every day! May God bless you with a wonderful Christmas season.

Until He comes,

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1 Corinthians 9:16