

Hello again from the Oberpfalz in Bavaria, Germany,

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I trust you have had a good summer. We are officially still in the summer season here, although a quick walk outside would convince you otherwise. Today, it is about 63 degrees, and it will reach the low 40s overnight. The kids are still on “summer” vacation for another 2 weeks, and will start back to school on the 14th of September. Things here at the church have been going quite well. The attendance has settled in around 60 on Sundays – I believe we mentioned in our last letter that several new families had been visiting. We have seen two of these families join the church, as well as a single lady that had been attending. We have been blessed to see the good spirit and willingness to help in the various ministries of the church.

We had a wonderful choir concert in May with the choir from Faith Baptist Bible College in Iowa. We were able to use the hall at a local restaurant, and we had about 15 first time visitors who came and heard the Gospel sung and preached. We are praying that we will see some lasting fruit from the outreach. My brother Andrew also came and spent about 2 months with us for his summer internship. He was a great help around the church and in various ministries. We were able to go to an English language youth conference at Rhein River Baptist Church in Mannheim and help with the music there. He is in his senior year, and praying about where the Lord will lead him next.

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Moving into August, we had a summer camp for our children and teens. There are several churches here in Bavaria and in Austria that get together and organize a camp every year. Julia and I were privileged to be a part of the teen camp, and the theme this year was the armor of God. It was a great thrill to see several young people make decisions for Christ during the week, and we have seen



some great growth in our teens as a result. The past 10 days we have had another young man with us doing an internship of sorts. Florian is studying in southern Bavaria, and faithfully serving the Lord in a church in Bad Heilbrunn. He will be spending his summer break at 3 different churches observing and helping with their respective ministries. He also is praying about his future, and seeking God’s will for his life. We are also looking forward to welcoming Bob and Kelly Radank to Germany in October. They will be moving to our area and starting in language school so that they too can reach the German people with the Gospel of Christ. Please be praying for them as they finish up their deputation and get ready for the move.

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Many of you have been praying about our building situation. We have officially received word that the city of Beratzhausen has decided to hold off on a new building, which in turn means that they will not be tearing our building down anytime soon. It was clear that the Lord had closed every door on a new property up until this point, and now we understand why. We will still be on the lookout for other possibilities, but the pressure is off to find a new meeting place quickly. God is so faithful, and has taken such good care of us! In a couple of weeks (on the 19th of September) we will be having a baptism service – I will try to put some pictures on the website afterwards. Thank you so much for your consistent prayers and support – although we have had some mighty struggles this year (as a church, we have had to exercise our first church discipline), we have seen God do some amazing things. We certainly will be praying for you as we labor here in the harvest field of Bavaria.

In Christ,

Keith Klaus

Keith Klaus and Family
1 Corinthians 9,16

