

# the KLAUS family

*missionaries to austria; serving in germany*

Dear praying friends and family,

Things are finally starting to thaw out in Bavaria. After a long, hard winter, we are ready for a change in the weather! Springtime is a beautiful thing to behold here in Germany, and we are looking forward to putting our flowers and window decorations out for the coming nice weather. As we look back over the last few months, and think ahead to the coming days, we are so thankful for what the Lord is doing here. Over the past year, the Freie Baptisten Gemeinde in Oberpfraundorf has experienced some growth and seen the Lord opening some doors of opportunity. In November we were joined by Bob and Kelly Radank. This is a young family with a burden to reach Germans with the Gospel of Christ. They started right into language school, and it has been exciting to see them progressing in their studies. Please pray for them, that the Lord will give them wisdom and understanding; not only with the language, but also as they get to know the German culture and people. We organized an evangelistic ladies breakfast in February, and were thrilled to see several ladies visit that had never been in our church. They heard a clear presentation of the Gospel; please pray that the Lord will continue to work in their hearts. Many of you have been praying about our building situation. As it stands right now, there are still no plans for the community center to be built in the near future. We had been considering a building closer to Regensburg, but at our business meeting several weeks ago, we decided to stay where we are until the Lord definitely opens the door for us to move.

The week of Christmas, I received an email message from a young lady in Austria asking for some information about her family. Some of her relatives had moved to the US back in the 1950s, and she was wondering if we had any information about them. My grandparents had indeed moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1952, and we were thrilled to be able to make contact with my family in Austria for the first time. In February, we were invited to visit and we had a wonderful time getting to know our "long lost" relatives! We are so thrilled to know that the Lord is working, and are looking forward to spending some more time getting to know them.

Please pray for us especially in the coming weeks. Our church will be hosting a youth conference for our German churches on April 1-2. Pray that the Lord will prepare and speak to hearts on that weekend. I will also be filling in at a friend's church on the 27th of March and 03rd of April while he is in the States. Remember all of your missionaries in Europe as well in the coming days - the Euro seems to be strengthening again against the dollar. Gas prices are also on the rise - I paid \$8.25 per gallon just yesterday. How good it is to know that God is still in control! Thank you so much for your faithful service to Him on our behalf.

serving Christ in Germany,



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