

the KLAUS family

missionaries to austria; serving in germany

Dear faithful family and friends,

I know it has been quite some time since I last wrote. Much has happened in the past few months, and the Lord has shown Himself faithful time and time again. Our family is so privileged to be surrounded with people who have a part in our ministry, be it financially or through prayer. We especially covet your prayers this week. I will say more about that in a moment.

Our church had the opportunity to host a Bavaria wide ladies retreat at the end of January. Needless to say, everybody pitched in to make the weekend a great success. Sandy Hastings, a fellow American missionary here in Germany, came and taught on the believer's position in Christ. Around 60 ladies came from sister churches to be a part of the weekend.

In the month of March we welcomed a new face into our church. Our coworkers, Bob and Kelly Radank, were blessed with a beautiful baby boy. Baby Grant has been such a precious addition to our church, and we are so thankful for the Lord's blessing.

We also hosted a fellowship day at the beginning of May. Since May 1 is the German "Labor Day", everybody has the day off. Many people from our circle of churches came to Oberpfraundorf to enjoy a day of fellowship, games, preaching, singing, and of course, grilling. We had 240 people in attendance at our church property. It was a tremendous opportunity for our church to work together, and we were very encouraged to see our people come together with such a great spirit of service. We had a separate service for the children, and our auditorium was packed beyond capacity!

In June we had a baptism service in which 4 followed the Lord in believer's baptism. We held the baptism at the river in the town of Laaber – for those who may be wondering – yes the water was ice cold! Our son Levi was one of those baptized, and we rejoice to see the Lord working in lives!

This past Saturday we received a phone call in the evening from one of our dear church families. They have a farm just outside of the town where our church is located. They informed us that there had been a terrible accident – their oldest son Philipp (12 years old) was riding with his father on the tractor and fell. Before the tractor could stop, he was struck and passed away soon after. We are mourning as a church with this family – and seeking to be a help and comfort however possible. Please pray for them and for us as we work through this time. May our heavenly Father be glorified in everything. The funeral will take place this coming Friday, June 29th.

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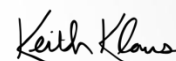
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On a personal note, we are planning to come back to the US in July 2013 for a time of furlough (our first since our arrival in Germany in September of 2004). Our two oldest children, Bethany and Kaleb, will finish school here in July of 2013. We plan to have them complete the 12th grade at our church school in Alabama. This will allow them to have both a German and an American high school diploma. Please pray for them as they seek God's will for their lives. Bob and Kelly Radank have agreed to stay here in Oberpfraundorf and take care of the church while we are away. We will be returning to the church here, and are praying about the possibility of the Radanks planting a church on the other side of Regensburg, where there is a great need. We would love to be able to support and help them in this endeavor! Please pray for wisdom as we make plans in this area. Please continue to pray as well for the future leadership of our church here in Oberpfraundorf.

Some have asked about an updated prayer card - we do have a temporary one that we will be using until our return to the States - feel free to download a copy at our website -www.klaustria.com. There is also a form there where you can sign up for an email version of our updates. Again, thanks so much for your faithfulness to our Lord.

serving Christ in Germany,



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Colossians 1,18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all [things] he might have the preeminence.

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