

News from the US

November-December 2013

Keeping busy on the road....

We are so blessed this holiday season to be able to say that we serve a faithful God! This past August we began our first furlough in 9 years of ministry in Germany. We are grateful to the Lord for His help in allowing us to get readjusted to life in the States. I must say that the traffic flows a bit more slowly than I realized, but after 9 years of driving on German Autobahns, we are finally getting used to it! I am happy to say that I have not (yet) received a speeding ticket. The Lord allowed us to rent a vehicle from BMTM, a mission agency serving missionaries on furlough, and we were able to hit the ground running. We are so thankful for a dependable vehicle that allows us to travel comfortably. We did run into some drivers license issues, as we have not had US licenses for several years, but those have all been worked out. So far, we have had meetings in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Alabama, North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. Our three children are enrolled in our church school in Birmingham, Alabama. This is just a short distance from where we are staying, and allows the kids to walk to school. Kaleb and Bethany are completing their senior year of high school while we are here, and Levi is in the 6th grade. The children have been excited to be able to participate in the volleyball and basketball programs at the school, and it has been great watching them develop!



Kaleb at work on the court



Bethany at Tannehill Park



Levi at the pumpkin farm

We truly miss the ministry in Germany, but at the same time are thankful for our coworkers there who are holding the ropes in our absence. God is doing wonderful things at the church in Oberpfraundorf, and we are looking forward to getting back and helping Bob and Kelly as they seek to plant a church in Neutraubling - about 40 kilometers from our church. Please pray for wisdom and strength through the time of organization. The churches there are gearing up for the winter camp season, and we will be eagerly anticipating the testimonies of the Lord working in hearts.

Please continue to pray for us as we make our way across the country visiting churches that have been so faithful supporting the ministry over the past 9 years. We appreciate each and every one of you! We do have a video that we have been showing, and if you are interested in seeing it, email me and I will send you a link. Pray especially for our children - Kaleb will be staying here in the States when we go back to Germany next summer - pray for the Lord's wisdom and direction in his life. Bethany will be returning with us to Germany, as she will still be 17, but is looking forward to coming back to the US for Bible college. Both Bethany and Kaleb are working toward getting their drivers license in the next 2 months - please pray much for their trainer as well! (yes, that would be me.)

As we look ahead to the coming Christmas season, our prayer for you is that Christ will be magnified in your life, and that in all things He might have the preeminence.

Ephesians 3:21 - "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

Your missionaries in Germany/Austria the Klaus Family