

# THE KLAUS FAMILY - IN GERMANY



## Christmas Market

### Prayer Requests

In **March** we will be hosting the Bavaria-wide youth retreat. We expect about 50 young people to come for the weekend to hear God's Word and enjoy some Christian fellowship. These weekends (twice a year), along with the camps, are vital in helping our teens grow in the Lord! We are also planning a commissioning service in **March** for the new church plant in Neutraubling.

In **June** we will be having an evangelistic creation seminar and will be renting a hall in nearby Beratzhausen. Please pray for the preparations for this meeting as we continue to reach our community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

## Psalm 127,1 Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.

This verse has been on our hearts lately as God has been continuing to move His work forward here in the Oberpfalz! Our last few months have been full - full of the Lord's goodness, full of His work, full of His grace!

The end of December brought a special treat to us - our son Kaleb was able to come and visit us at Christmas for about two weeks before heading back to Alabama to begin his US Marine Corp Reserve schedule. He has also started his studies in Criminal Justice at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Please pray that the Lord would continue to lead and provide for him as he follows His leading back in the States! We are proud of the young man he has become. Bethany turns 18 this month, and plans to return back to the US this fall to start her college career. The Lord provided her with a job at a photography studio here in Germany, and she has been so thrilled to be able to earn money for doing something she loves!

We are excited about what God is doing in the ministry here - we have certainly seen some spiritual battles as we are moving forward with the new church plant in Neutraubling. God's grace, however, has been evident and we are thrilled with what He is doing! The group that will be assisting in this church plant has been having a weekly Bible study since November, and just this past month found a meeting place to begin Sunday services. We voted this past Sunday to sign the contract. There are a couple of things that the real estate agent is working up in the contract (mainly a rezoning clause), and Lord willing, they will begin meeting there sometime in March.

There will be much work to be done to prepare the facility - a wall must be moved, painting, etc. Please pray for the Radank and Lapato families as they lead this work for strength and continued guidance as this exciting work goes forward and the Lord builds the house!



## Open House

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We have also seen the Lord answer prayer back in Oberpfraundorf. We have been praying for years that the Lord would give us opportunities to reach our immediate community. The Lord has answered that prayer in the form of a building project. The city gave our village some money to renovate the building where our church meets, and we have been able to work with them on several projects. This has given us some great opportunities to share Christ. On January 11, we had an open house (together with the community) and hosted close to 200 people in our building for coffee and cake. We had some very good spiritual conversations and are praying that the Lord would continue to open hearts!

Our family is grateful for your faithfulness and friendship! Thanks so much for your prayer and support. May God give you much fruit for your labor in His vineyard!

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