



Hello from the Klaus Family!

May 12, 2015

By now most of you all have thawed out somewhat from a crazy winter! We were blessed with a somewhat mild one here in Bavaria, but we are still enjoying the beautiful spring the Lord has sent our way. God has continually poured out His blessings on us, and although the way is not always easy, we are thankful for His mercy and goodness. Our spring has been quite an eventful one.

We have mentioned over the past few prayer letters that our church had the desire to plant another church on the other side of the large city close by (Regensburg). The Lord provided a building in short order, and after a bit of renovating and painting, they have a place to call home.

After many months of prayer, times of fasting, and much planning, the Lord allowed the Freie Baptisten Gemeinde of Neutraubling to have their first service on Sunday, March 29th. Bob and Kelly Radank are working with Todd and Kim Lapato in shining the light of the Gospel in this needy area. Around 20 people from our church in Oberpfraundorf are taking part in this exciting new ministry!

We also were privileged to host the Bavarian Youth Retreat in March, and were thankful to have around 50 teens and workers come share the weekend with us. Our theme for the weekend was "Faith is the Victory".



Opening night of youth retreat.



First service at the Freie Baptisten-Gemeinde, Neutraubling.

Our next evangelistic outreach will be hosting Dr. Markus Blietz as he comes and holds a seminar on the subject of the "Big Bang" in light of Scripture. Dr. Blietz visited last year while we were in the US on furlough and was a blessing. Over the next few weeks we hope to put out at least 5000 flyers in the towns and villages surrounding the church. This special evening is planned for Friday, June 12th at 7:00 PM. We are praying that the Lord will awaken a spiritual interest in the hearts of this spiritually sleepy region.

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Our area has a very small town Catholic mentality, but we are constantly amazed at the opportunities God is giving us as “outsiders” to share the scripture with our friends and neighbours here. Please pray for this continued openness, and that the Lord provides us with much wisdom reaching people here in the “Oberpfalz” (our region of Bavaria.)

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We have been so blessed to have Michael Normann helping in the ministry here. He graduated from Bible college last year and is studying in nearby Regensburg, but he has been a great support and help to the ministry here. What a privilege to see God raising up the next generation of servants and to witness God’s plan in action.

The family is doing well - Bethany continues her work at a photographer at a studio in Regensburg, and will be coming back to the US to go to Bible college this fall. Kaleb finished up his first semester of studies in Birmingham, AL, and continues his work with the Marine Reserves. Levi has astounded us this past year with his growth spurt - he is now the same height as I am, and has several more years of growing in front of him! (He is 13 years old.) And as always, I am so blessed with my Julia - she is always a strength and encouragement to me and a very great part of our ministry here. This year we will be celebrating 21 years of marriage and have been blessed to spend most of that time in ministry of one sort or another. We are grateful for you all as you continue holding the ropes for us here, and looking forward to seeing you as God provides opportunity. May God bless your faithfulness!

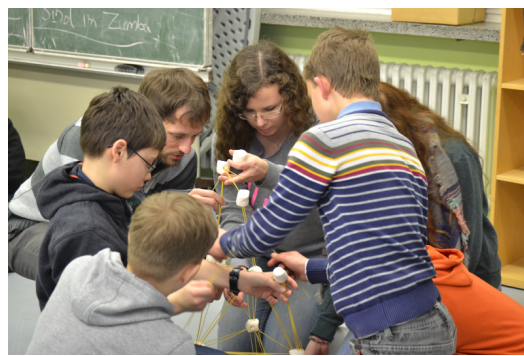
Until He comes,
Keith Klaus and family



View from the castle ruins in Kallmünz.



Combined teen/kids activity at the castle in Kallmünz, Germany.



Teens building a tower out of marshmallows and spaghetti at the teen weekend.