

# THE KLAUS FAMILY - IN GERMANY

**Picking apples with the teens...**



**Choir group from Romania.**



**Fellowship time at the ladies weekend.**



Dear Praying Family and Friends,

The last few months have been a whirlwind of travel and activity in our lives and we are blessed to be back in a little bit of a routine here in the Oberpfalz! I feel like I need to apologize once again for allowing so much time to lapse between letters. We are very thankful for all that the Lord has allowed us to do and be a part of over the last several months and are praising Him for His faithfulness in our lives. I'll try to summarize briefly what the Klaus family has been up to!

In October we took our teens to a youth meeting in Nürnberg and were blessed to hear the Word of God taught. We also helped our teen group raise some money to renovate their teen room by picking apples, taking them to the "Mosterei" to be pressed into juice, and selling the product! Spending time working together is a great way to bond and fellowship!

November brought us to the Mission Possible Retreat and a great week of refreshment in fellowship with other servants of Christ here in Europe. I always enjoy heading up the music for the conference and we are always encouraged to hear God's people sing! We also were able to attend the wedding of a young lady who was saved in our church several years ago while she studied and worked in Regensburg. God showed His faithfulness yet again in bringing her together with another faithful Christian and they are excited about stating their lives together! At the end of November, we had a choir group from Romania visit the church and sing a concert. We were blessed to meet these young people, who have dedicated their lives to serving their Saviour!

The beginning of December brought us another special treat as a group from North Carolina came to visit, led by Gary Lillard. Gary was the missionary who had started our church shortly before our arrival on the field in 2004. While they were here, we were able to help another new church plant pass out some

flyers in a nearby city.

We also have several American families working in the area (the new church that was started out of our church is doing well with the Radank and Lapato families leading them). Todd and Kim Lapato have for years also had a burden to reach out into Austria. The Lord allowed us to get together with them and the Radanks and prepare an "American Christmas" program to perform in Bregenz, Austria and Leutkirch, Germany. Please pray that the seeds that were sown will bring forth fruit in due season. Immediately before Christmas our church also put on a Christmas program in the local nursing home, and we were blessed with the participation and spirit of service that everybody showed. The message and songs were well received. We are also praying for fruit in this ministry.

On the family front, Julia's mother received a liver transplant at the end of December. The transplant went very well, but she still needs much prayer as she works through a long recovery process. With her health issues (and those of my father, who is also suffering with severe liver disease), we decided we needed to spend some time with them. The Lord allowed us to fly on Christmas Day and we were able to spend a couple of weeks visiting them. We were thankful for the opportunity to see Bethany and Kaleb as well, and thrilled to see them faithfully following the Lord. Bethany is in her second semester at Pensacola Christian College studying elementary education, and Kaleb may join her in the fall semester to study criminal justice. (He is also still in the Marine Reserves). Levi continues in the 8th grade here and is a member of a baseball team close by! (that's not something you find everyday in Germany!)

At the end of January our church hosted the Bavaria Wide ladies retreat - I can't go into all the details without writing a letter that would be way too long, but God answered prayers in a great way and we saw over 100 ladies come spend the weekend as Sandy Hasting taught them from the Word of God. One lady that we know of trusted Christ, and many decisions were made.

We have some upcoming events we would like to ask you to pray with us about. Dr. Markus Blietz will be coming again in April to give a series of scientific/biblical lectures. He is an astrophysicist with a great testimony for Christ and a clear way of sharing God's truth. Please pray that the two evenings will be well attended. We also will be hosting another choir concert in May and are looking forward to seeing the Lord work through that.

Thank you so much for YOUR faithfulness in your service for our Saviour! We truly appreciate all you do and pray that the Lord will continue to bless you in your lives and ministries.

Until He comes, Keith Klaus and Family

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