

# THE KLAUS FAMILY - IN GERMANY

Dear Praying Family and Friends,

Well, not every year is an easy year. Greetings from the small town of Laaber, Germany, where fall is in full swing, the weather has chilled considerably, and the Lord is still faithful. I know it has been several months since our last letter, but much has happened and I will try to bring you up to speed as quickly as possible. First the big things: I mentioned in the last letter that my dad's health was failing. This summer I was able to go home to Wisconsin for 2 weeks and see him shortly before he passed away. The Lord had His hand in everything, and because of the timing I was able to be there for the funeral and some days after to spend the time with my mother and brothers and sister. I am extremely grateful to those of you who expressed your prayers for us in this difficult time, and I am comforted by my dad's great testimony and knowing he is with his Savior.

Upon arriving back home in Germany, we had to hit the ground running, as our summer camp was about to begin. The Lord gave us a blessed time with just over 50 teens. We spent the week looking at world religions and what the Bible has to say about what they teach. It was a great opportunity for our teens to be further grounded in the truth of God's Word and know what they believe and why. The following week was Vacation Bible School in the nearby Hohenfels Baptist Church. Several German speaking children were also a part of the VBS this year and we were blessed to be able to help out.



As we moved into fall we had some more opportunities for ministry. The Lord continues to allow us to have a great relationship with our village. We were able to spend some time with the fire department and are continually looking for ways to have conversations with them about the Gospel of Christ. On November 1st we tried something new for us. All Saints Day is a very important Catholic holiday here, and someone had the idea of standing outside the cemetery where the townsfolk gather in the afternoon. We were able over the course of about an hour to give out around 500 calendars with our church information and to have some conversations with people as they headed home. We are so thankful that the Lord allowed us this opportunity.

On the home front, Kaleb continues in his role as a Marine Reservist and is looking to get a job with the local police department (in Alabama). He had a car accident this past week, and we are thankful for the Lord's protection in a very dangerous situation. Bethany will be coming home from college for about 4 weeks over Christmas, and has the opportunity to work on the nearby military base to help with her college expenses. We are grateful for the job the Lord provided her. (and that she can be close by!) Levi is 15 and continues to grow like a weed - he is over 6 feet tall now and not showing signs of slowing down.

As far as prayer requests are concerned, please continue to pray for our church leadership, and that the Lord will provide the ministry here with a German pastor in His time. I mentioned a young man named Simon in our last letter - we have continued to stay in touch through email and I hope to be able to meet with him next time he is in the area. He has a desire to learn more about the Lord. We have several people with whom we have been sharing the Gospel for several years - please pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to move in their lives and that they would open their hearts to the work of Christ! Thank you so much for your love and care for us. We truly appreciate all you do to help us serve our great Savior in Germany. May the Lord bless you in this Thanksgiving season as you remember the grace He has bestowed upon you!

liebe Grüße, Keith and Julia and Family

NOTE: My dad had been taking care of printing and mailing our letters. Those of you on the list for hard copies only may not have received our last letter. If you are able - please sign up for our online version, which would be a great help to us. If you need a printed copy, we try to attach a downloadable link for you. If you really need to continue to receive a prayer letter in the mail, we will be happy to provide that, but please let me know. The online version will have more info and more pictures. You can sign up at [www.klaustria.com](http://www.klaustria.com). God bless...



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