

THE KLAUS FAMILY - IN GERMANY

Dear praying family and friends,

I trust that you have had a great spring so far. We have been very busy the past few months and I apologize for the late update. We will have to buckle our seat belts and get ready for a longer report... Make sure to read all the way to the end for the special interactive part of the letter!

The end of last year brought us to our annual Christmas outreaches in our area. We held a Christmas play in two area nursing homes and also visited our local Christmas market to pass out gifts and tracts. In addition, we took our teens to a nearby city where some good friends are in the process of starting a church (Neumarkt i.d. Oberpfalz). In January we kicked off the year with our theme for 2017: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me..." We are emphasizing evangelism this year and looking for ways to reach our small and very Catholic area with the good news of a living Savior! Julia's parents were able to come visit us as well.

Unfortunately, Julia's grandmother's health began declining while they were here, and Julia's father had to cut his visit short to go home and care for her.

Grams Kendrick passed away in

February. We were thankful that Julia was also able to spend two weeks in

Alabama to assist the family during this time. At the end of January, we were contacted by a Lutheran pastor in the area. A lady in his church had passed away, and unknown to us, had been at the Christmas play in December. The grieving family told us that this Christmas event was one of the last great memories their mother had before passing and asked us to sing at the funeral. We were blessed to be able to minister in music and are excited about the relationships God keeps bringing our way. Please pray that we will have open opportunities to share the Gospel through these things. In March, we took our teens to the regional youth meeting in Erlangen and had a great 24 hours of fellowship and time in God's Word. We also had the privilege of a visit by the music team from Valley Forge Baptist Temple in the Philadelphia area. They were a great blessing as they ministered in Word and music to our church family. On Easter weekend, we also were able to pass out several hundred tracts and gifts in our area. One of the most exciting things taking place in April has been the "official" founding of the church plant in Neutraubling. This is a daughter church planted out of our church and led by Bob Radank and Todd Lapato. This past Sunday they officially incorporated and this coming Sunday will be an official "Charter" and dedication service. Moving forward, they will be a fully independent Baptist church reaching the Regensburg-Neutraubling area. We are so excited to see God working! We have several upcoming



Men's Prayer Breakfast

events we would like to ask you to **pray** for. This coming Monday, May 1, is a regional fellowship meeting. There will be several independent Baptist churches in Bavaria joining us on our property for a day of refreshment and encouragement. As of yesterday, there were over 220 people registered to come. **Would you pray** that the weather will be fitting for this event and that Christ will be magnified throughout our day? We are not a large church and hosting this takes a lot of manpower, but I am so thrilled to see our folks up to the task and everyone pitching in. We also have another outreach on May 12-13 in the form of a scientific lecture series with Dr. Markus Blietz. **Please be praying** that many people will attend this event with open hearts to the Biblical truth. We are also looking forward to a baptism in June - we have several who are willing to make this step and follow the Lord's command. **Please be praying** especially for M..... (a long-time friend of ours who came to Christ last fall). She wants to get baptized but has not yet made a firm commitment. We continue to hold a weekly Bible study with her and have been so excited to watch her growing in the Lord!



Music Group from Pennsylvania

Well, this is what happens when you wait too long between updates - they just keep getting longer to read! Thanks for your patience and faithfulness. We appreciate all of you who make it possible for us to be ministering here in our corner of Bavaria, and look forward to what the Lord has planned in the coming months.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen, Keith Klaus and Family

Interactive:

PS: Ich habe ein kleines digitales Geschenk für jeden, der mir eine E-Mail schreibt und die folgende Frage beantworten kann: In welcher Stadt haben wir mit den Teenagers Einladungen ausgeteilt? Ig, Keith (pastorklaus@googlemail.com)

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