The Klaus Family in Germany

Greetings to our family and praying friends,

What a whirlwind the last couple of months have been! I trust you had a Christ honoring Christmas season and a good start in 2019. We have been so encouraged by what the Lord has been doing here in our corner of Germany. I mentioned our calendar outreach in our last letter - we were indeed able to give out 2000 Scripture calendars at the local cemeteries and nursing home. God blessed and we have had several people visiting the church as a result of this outreach. By far the most exciting thing to happen in 2018 was a visit I made to the father of one of our church members. He had heard the Gospel many times, and starting in the middle of 2018 I was able to begin visiting him at his home on a regular basis. He is

bedridden and we do not expect him to live much longer. Our first visits were quite interesting - he was cold and a bit prickly, but always said I could come back and visit again. God began to work in his heart, and every visit I could see his heart softening. What a privilege it was to be able to pray with him at his bedside in November as he accepted Christ! We had more evangelistic outreaches in December as we set up a book table at a local Christmas market every Sunday and gave out Gospel literature. In December, our daughter Bethany came to visit with her boyfriend Titus, and they were a blessing as they pitched in and helped with the teen and church activities. The annual ladies weekend was held in January, and although we were not hosting this year, more than 15 of our ladies and teen girls were able to be a part of the retreat about a half an hour away in Regenstauf.



Bethany with her girls

We were also blessed in January to lead the funeral of a dear saint we were privileged to know. She visited our church a few times 8 years ago, but her advanced age kept her from making the 30 minute trip regularly. Several years ago she went to a nursing home in Regensburg, and this past October she celebrated her 100th birthday. Her one desire was to be called home to her Savior, and we were privileged to be able to share her love of



Funeral for Anni

Christ with those who came to the memorial service.

As we look to the future - we need your continued prayers! Our church will be hosting the twice-yearly Jugendtag (Youth Weekend) in April. We are expecting around 50 teenagers and are looking forward to seeing them grow closer to the Lord. We are planning a baptism also. This will need to take place before we depart for

the US and our furlough on the 3rd of May. We baptize in the river, and we have 4 who are interested in baptism. The water will certainly be VERY cold! The church is looking forward to having Luke and Bethany Snell come to minister in our place while we are on furlough. Please pray for the time of transition as they finish up their language training and acquaint themselves with the ministry here. We are in the process of setting up our furlough meetings for the year, so feel free to let me know if you have any special dates you would like us to come. We are praying about our vehicle situation for our time in the US - we have not yet been able to get anything lined up, but trust that the Lord will provide in His time. Thank you all so much for your encouraging faithfulness! We look forward to seeing you in the coming months.

mit dankbaren Herzen, Keith und Julia Klaus

Bonus question for a digital prize:

With which meal would you enjoy white bratwurst and sweet mustard? Email me your answer at: pastorklaus@googlemail.com

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