

The Klaus Family in Germany

Greetings to our family and praying friends,

Wow. It is sometimes hard to figure out how to compress all that has happened in a few months into a few sentences, but I will do my best! We have officially begun our furlough in the US, but I'll bring you up to date on the ministry in Germany first. Our last months in Germany were a whirlwind of activity as we prepared for our furlough and tied down loose ends at the church. At the beginning of March, several of our teens took part in a missions trip to northern Germany, where they assisted with a home for young men who are in the midst of rehab from drug and other addictions. They were able to help with building projects and it was a great opportunity



Sendoff service for Michael.

for growth in their walk with the Lord.

On March 10th, we had a very special service as Michael Normann, a young man who has been a great help and blessing in our church for the last several years, was sent out to support a church planting effort near Liechtenstein. We were both sad to see him go, and excited to see the Lord's definite leading in his life as he has faithfully followed Christ! A choir and music group from a church in

Pennsylvania also came our way and were a blessing to us in song. April brought us to our Youth Weekend. We hosted as about 50 teens and workers from our sister churches in Bavaria came for a weekend with the theme: "What a friend! The Foundations for Biblical Friendship". The weekend left us tired, but thrilled to see the Lord working in the lives of our youth. April also saw our earliest and coldest baptism to date! Two young men wanted to follow the Lord with this important step before we began our furlough, and on April 14th, they were baptized in the Laaber River. (water temp: 48°) Their testimonies were a great encouragement. Please pray for Lukas and Matthias as they continue to follow the Lord and grow in the Word of God. The whole time, we were making our preparations for furlough. We are thankful for Luke and Bethany Snell, as they have stepped in and been a tremendous blessing in watching over the church while we are away. We have received many good reports and stay in close contact with the German church while we are in the USA. They gave us a very sweet and emotional sendoff service the Sunday before we left. We were amazed that we were able to keep our house in Germany - our landlord

came to us three months ago and offered to reduce the rent while we are away to allow us to stay in our home. This took a lot of the burden off of us in the weeks leading up to the transition. In May we made our way to Alabama - our daughter Bethany graduated from Pensacola Christian College and is traveling with us as she is able. She will be teaching at our home church's school in Birmingham this coming year, and is engaged to be married next June to her fiancé Titus. Since being in the US, we have travelled about 9000 miles, and look forward to getting back to Alabama to set up our home base there next week. (We have been mostly traveling since our arrival in May and not yet moved into the mission house at our church in Birmingham.) Please pray for the next leg of our journey, that the Lord will lead in every step. We are still scheduling meetings with our supporting churches - we are in the process of getting the rest of our time here filled with meetings as the Lord allows. If you have not yet heard from us, and have a specific time that would work for you, please let me know as soon as you can and I will try to accommodate that. We are planning a short trip back to Germany in September to reconnect with our church there and officiate a wedding. We are so grateful for your love and faithfulness and are praying that the Lord will continue to be glorified in you!



The whole family together at graduation!

mit dankbaren Herzen,
Keith und Julia Klaus

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