

The Klaus Family in Germany

Greetings to our family and praying friends,

Du hast das Jahr gekrönt mit deinen Gaben,
hast unser Wachsen mit Liebe gelenkt.
Du gabst uns das, was wir benötigt haben.
Du hast uns wirklich reich beschenkt.

This song is always on my heart when we get to the end of the year and look back at the faithfulness of the Lord in our lives! (You have crowned the year with Your gifts and directed our growth with Your love. You gave us everything we needed, and truly and richly blessed us.) We are so thankful to have a Heavenly Father who has watched over us and led us along the path of this furlough. We have spent the past three months busily traveling and ministering in churches and have spent the time in Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, and Wisconsin.



Reconnecting with old college friends in Alabama!
(the friendship is old, not us or the friends!)

We have been blessed to be able to spend time with family as well, both in Alabama and Wisconsin. One of the most difficult things for missionaries is not being able to be a physical help to their families while they are far away on the mission field, and we are thankful for the time we have had here on furlough to be able to step in and assist in some areas. (Family weddings, moves, etc.) In the midst of traveling and visiting churches, Julia and I were also able to get away for a few days in October to celebrate our 25th anniversary. The actual anniversary was in July, but we were finally able to find some time in October to celebrate. I am so

grateful for the wife the Lord has given to me - she has been nothing but a blessing and encouragement to me over these past 25 years (the last 15 have been on the mission field in Germany - all 25 of them have been in the ministry). After we left Florida in October, we found ourselves in Wisconsin in November. Wow. What a change in environment! From sunny and in the 80's to hard winter and snow. We travelled back to Alabama and were privileged to host some of Bethany's college friends for Thanksgiving and we spent some time with the family there.

Getting into December, our schedule was a bit lighter, which allowed us to plug into our home church and help with the Christmas Cantata and school plays. Julia is able to help fill in and teach at the school while we are there, and we were also able to help a couple of church families with their moves. The day after Christmas we drove back to

Wisconsin to be with my family here and visit a church. The Lord has truly been faithful with all the miles and kept us out of harm's way. The church in Oberfraundorf is doing well and our friends, Luke and Bethany Snell have been a huge blessing in our absence. They have been busy with outreach and were able to pass out nearly 2000 scripture calendars recently in our area. The church just finished hosting the youth winter camp and we look forward to seeing them again in 2020!



Levi, his cousin, and I hiked to a waterfall in Alabama

Tomorrow we head back to Alabama and start a very busy first three weeks of January.

(We will be in 9 churches in these three weeks) Please pray that we will be effective ministers of Christ as we travel, and a blessing to the churches we are in. We are so grateful for your prayers and faithful support and look forward to the next months representing our Savior on your behalf!

liebe Grüße in Jesus, Keith und Julia Klaus

Bonus question for a digital prize (this one is hard!!):

Who wrote the song I quoted at the beginning of the email?

Email me your answer at: pastorklaus@googlemail.com

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