

The Klaus Family in Germany

Greetings to our family and praying friends,

Unprecedented. Never seen before. Trying times.

We've all heard these statements. We've been watching and learning and wondering just like everyone else what the next few months will look like. And through it all, we have seen the Lord continuing to be as faithful as He always has been. And we look forward to His continued faithfulness in the coming days and months. My favourite Bible verse has been on my mind more than ever these last couple weeks: Lamentations 3:22-23 "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."



Visiting with friends in PA

We are currently stationary in Birmingham, Alabama after a busy start to the year. We started out the year traveling from Wisconsin back home to Alabama, and continued the trend of piling the miles up as we visited churches in Wisconsin, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Arkansas, Delaware, and Maryland. (Including a second trip back to Delaware.) In the midst of that time Julia was full time substitute teaching at our home church school here in Birmingham. We had never been so busy in our lives! That all came to a screeching halt with the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis - our meetings are on hold for now (although we have been able to do a couple with recordings through the internet - let me know if you are interested in that). This week we were supposed to take our high school juniors and seniors on their trip to Washington DC. This trip was unfortunately cancelled as well. I must confess: at first, the

first few days were a bit boring, but then I was

able to step in here at our home church and begin helping a bit. I have been recording, editing, and posting all of our services and school chapels here at Mountain View Baptist Church. Julia has been working with our online children's ministry, and the Lord has allowed us to be a help in the place where we are. We are even privileged to be a part of a German Bible Conference this coming week by way of internet, and we are excited to see that the Lord has not stopped working while it seems like the whole world has stopped moving. We are now under a stay at home order here in Alabama through the end of the month and we are not sure how our meetings will be affected going into May. We are taking it day by day and trusting the Lord. We still plan on returning to Germany on June 19th (we had already bought our tickets). Bethany's wedding is still planned for the 9th of June, and we look forward to seeing the Lord work. I will close with a couple prayer requests:

1. The **Bible Conference** outreach in Germany next week.

2. **Clarity** on our remaining meetings - because of our time frame, rescheduling meetings will be difficult.

3. **Vehicle issues** - our van that we have been using (from a missionary travel agency) is currently still at a shop in Delaware, as the transmission had gone out. The “corporate office” is deciding if they will cover it as a warranty item. We have not had the van for a month now. Our “backup” car (a 2000 Toyota Camry) blew a radiator this past week, but I was able to fairly inexpensively repair that myself. (Levi helped too)



“Behind the scenes”
recording church services

4. We had **prepaid over \$1000** for the accommodations for our senior trip. So far, booking.com and the owner of the property have declined to give our students their money back. We have spent much time having to deal with this as well.

5. **Unseen ministry opportunities** - sometimes, we don't even know how the Lord can use us! Pray that the Lord will allow us to see clearly the possibilities that are right in front of us.

Thank you all so much for all you do! May the Lord find us faithful in the coming months. I know many of you are yourselves in places or occupations of high risk, or have people you love in these areas. Please know that we are praying for you and trusting Him in all things!

liebe Grüße in Jesus, Keith und Julia Klaus

Bonus question for a digital prize (this one is hard!!):
What is the German name for the book of Ecclesiastes?
Email me your answer at: pastorklaus@googlemail.com

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