

# The Klaus Family in Germany

Liebe betende Familie und Freunde,  
(Dear praying family and friends)

We are so thrilled to have been back in Germany for several months now. God has been so good to allow our body of believers to continue to grow, even in what seems to be a difficult time.

In our January letter I mentioned some of the COVID requirements that had been put in place shortly before Christmas. We have had strict distancing and masking rules in place for quite some time now. (The government requires FFP2 medical masks for churchgoers.) Congregational singing has been banned since December and we had a scare just before Easter weekend when the government was toying with the idea of shutting down churches for the weekend. There is a sliding scale of what restrictions go into place depending on the rate of positive COVID tests in any area - so it is a challenge to keep up with everything on the fly, but we are thankful for the Lord's wisdom and guidance through these things and for the many answers to prayer we have experienced.



In Home Family Bible Study

At the end of January we hosted a regional ladies meeting. With all the restrictions we were unable to meet with other churches in person, but we still were able to organize an online YouTube stream with prerecorded music and the conference speaker. The theme was "Following Christ in the Dark" (dealing with depression). The meeting was a great blessing to our sister churches and the Lord was able to use His Word. We are so grateful to be planning a baptism service for the middle of May. We have two who will be making this step - one is a lady who came to Christ this past fall and has been so excited to be following Christ. As part of the process of joining our church, I generally give people a copy of our doctrinal statement so they have the chance to ask questions and we can explain who we are and how we believe. When we met to talk about her testimony and to explain the process of baptism, she informed me that she had memorized the doctrinal statement! I felt so bad for not explaining clearly that it is not like a catechism! We will also be baptizing a young lady in the youth group who has grown up in our church and are excited to see the Lord working in our teen group. We are looking ahead to summer and hoping the lockdown will be over by then - we are planning another lecture series with Dr. Markus Blietz. This

has always been a great outreach for our church and we hope to be able to impact our community more for Christ!

On the family front, we have have seen some interesting developments. My mom will be getting married at the end of this week at the young age of 72. We are rejoicing with her as she makes this next great step in her life and are looking forward to the Lord continuing to direct their path. The kids are also doing well, and we are thrilled to be able to pop in for the wedding and see the entire family for a couple days in southeast Wisconsin. There will be a young man filling in for us while we are away this Sunday. I was his camp counselor many years ago at our German teen camp and he has graduated Bible School, married, and has two children! My how the time passes by! We will be together with all three of our children for the first time in a long time - we were not able to be at Levi's Marine graduation because of the COVID regulations, so this will be the first time to see him since he left for boot camp. I am sure we will be able to put a picture in our next update.

We really appreciate your prayer and concern for us over the last several months. God has been faithful and we are leaning on Ephesians 3,20-21 as we continue to serve our great God in Germany.

In Christ for Germany, Keith and Julia Klaus

***Ephesians 3,20-21 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, 21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.***

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