

The Klaus Family in Germany

Greetings from chilly windy Germany!

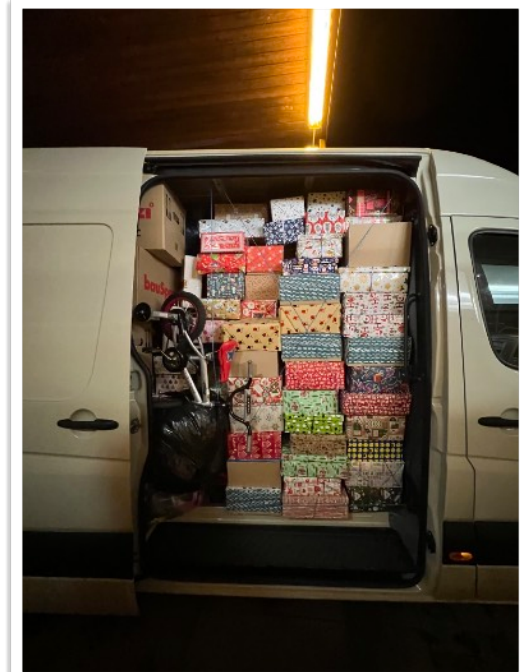
Here we are in the middle of winter! We have just experienced a series of three windstorms that came through this past week, but it was not too severe in our part of Germany. Other regions were hit much harder. It is hard to believe how fast the time goes by - we look back and are so thankful to see God at work in our lives and in His Church!

In the run-up to Christmas we had the Mission Possible Retreat in November. (This is an English language retreat in Rothenburg, Germany - we are blessed to be a part of it every year) The numbers this year were down as the COVID restrictions came back into play - but the spirit was great and those who attended were refreshed! Our church here was again able to organize a "Christmas in a Shoebox" campaign for our missionary

working with the Gypsy villages in Romania. Several other churches jumped on board with us and we were blessed to send several hundred boxes/bags that were passed out to the children in the villages. It is always exciting to see the children's excitement as they receive their gifts. Our normal Christmas program at the nursing home was also not possible, but we were allowed to go to the chapel to sing some carols and they live-streamed it into the individual rooms.



There is also usually a Winter Teen Camp planned for the Christmas break: this year Julia and I were scheduled to run the kitchen for the camp. (Ok - let's be honest, Julia was going to run the kitchen and I was going to cut vegetables and do dishes 😊) Unfortunately, COVID restrictions struck again and we had to do an online form of the camp. While we are thankful for the technological possibilities, there is nothing that can replace the in person fellowship! We organised to be able to watch some of the sessions together with our teens in our



church building. Thankfully, the ladies retreat in January was able to take place (also with reduced numbers) While we were not hosting this year, it is held in a facility near our church, and I was asked to run the streaming and technology side of the meeting.

Once we hit February, our church had it's first real experience with COVID and we had to go online-only for two weeks. We are thankful that none of the cases were dangerous, and this past Sunday we were able to go back to meeting in person! Halleluja!



Looking forward, our daughter Bethany and her husband Titus will be coming for a visit in March and we are EXCITED! They will be bringing their foster child Armando along, and we are thrilled to be able to meet him for the first time. Please **pray** that the travel goes smoothly and that it will open up here as we move into March. (Things are looking up on the restriction front.) Please continue **praying** that the Lord will continue to open doors for us to reach out in creative ways in spite of the difficulties. And as we have several ladies in the church with unsaved husbands, please **pray** that they will continue to be a light and that we will have opportunity to reach them with the Gospel! We appreciate you all so much! May the Lord bless you in your service for Him!

liebe Grüße, Keith und Julia Klaus

Bonus question:

How many gold medals die Germany win at the recent Winter Olympics?

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