

# The Klaus Family in Germany

Dear praying family and friends,

Greetings from snowy Bavaria! We have arrived at the end of November and the winter season. There is a fresh layer of snow outside this week and more in the forecast - I always enjoy the changing seasons as they remind me of God's promise in Genesis 9,22 - "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." I would like to thank you all at the beginning of this letter - for your faithfulness in service, for your faithfulness in prayer, for your faithfulness in giving. The last few months have been very difficult, but we are encouraged in our faithful God and His goodness. The last time I wrote was in September - our first grand-baby had just been born and we were not long removed from the suicide of one of our dear flock. The church has been through a great deal of emotions as we continue to work through this tragedy with the family. Will you pray that we have great wisdom and sensitivity as we continue to counsel, not only for the family, but for the church family? I will be flying to Iowa for 4 days in December to perform the wedding ceremony for the daughter, who grew up in our church.

In other news, we had the opportunity in September to fly to Virginia for a quick trip to meet the our new granddaughter and take part in her dedication service. I was only there for a week and a half before coming back to the ministry here. We had planned for Julia to stay another week to be with our daughter and family. This was a very needed time of encouragement for us! Unfortunately, on the day I flew back, Julia's brother passed away unexpectedly. (He was only 53 years old) As Julia was in the US, we were able to extend her trip a week so she could be at the funeral. Please pray for her family as they work through this time of mourning!



Pizza Hut before passing out tracts  
(Teens/young adults)

The beginning of October brought us to our German Thanksgiving (Erntedank). This always offers an opportunity to reflect on God's goodness in our lives and was a blessed Sunday for the church. October was also filled with preparation for the Mission Possible Retreat (A missionary conference in Rothenburg - Julia organises the children's program and I organise the technical and music side of the conference). We were able to take our teens and young adults to Regensburg and pass out tracts and were so thankful for the hearts for outreach. Our church also does a yearly outreach on November 1st at the local cemeteries. We were away at the conference this year, but our dear people passed out over 2000 Scripture calendars and church invitations in around 2 hours time. In November we had a missions group visit from Pennsylvania. It was

encouraging to see their heart for missions and they were a huge blessing as they ministers by passing out flyers and helping with some of the physical church needs. (Painting, organising, etc.) Another outreach in November was our "American Thanksgiving". We asked the church to invite non church friends and family. We did not have any idea how many may come. We were shocked on Sunday, the 12th of November when around 30 guests came to our service and meal after. I preached a simple Gospel message and we are praying that the Lord continues to work in hearts. (There were around 100 in attendance that day - so we were at our limit on space! What a blessing!)

We finished off November with an evangelistic ladies breakfast this past Saturday. There were also several unchurched visitors there and it has been exciting to hear about some of the conversations and witnessing that has been taking place the past few days. Lord willing I will be meeting tomorrow with a man who has been visiting our church for several months and is very interested in the Gospel! Please pray for an open heart and the Spirits moving. In the middle of all these things we are busy with much counselling and discipleship - please pray that the Lord gives us wisdom in these areas. We have begun the process of seeking out two deacons for our church and are excited to see the growth and movement forward.

Looking ahead - my mother and her husband Tom will be visiting starting this Saturday and spending a week with us. The following week I will be at the wedding (I mentioned this above) and then our daughter Bethany, son-in-law Titus, and granddaughter Maria will be here for the Christmas weeks. Lord willing, I will be able to put out an update toward the end of December to let you know how things are progressing.



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So with that, I will sign off - please pass along greetings from us in your churches and families - and we look forward to celebrating Christ's birth and the salvation He brought in the coming weeks!

mit lieben Grüßen, Keith und Julia Klaus

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