

# The Klaus Family in Germany

Dear family and friends,

Greetings from our little corner of Bavaria in Germany. I trust your 2025 has been filled with God's goodness and provision! The past few months have been (as they always seem to be) a whirlwind of activity here in Germany - I will try to hit the high points and give you an overview of what the Lord has been doing here in our lives.

Our church family has been growing! We saw the passing of some of our flock in 2024 but we have been blessed to see the Lord bringing new visitors and several joining as new members in recent months. A few years ago we had asked the city if it would be possible to remove a wall in the back of our auditorium if the need ever arose. They had given us verbal permission, and in the past few months it has started getting cramped in our auditorium (we are averaging above 70 in our services). We approached them again to make sure it was ok (it is always wise to get written permission in Germany - probably in the US as well ) and we now have a green light to expand the auditorium somewhat. Lord willing, this will take place in the next few weeks.



We were blessed in March to have a baby dedication for a young family who has been a part of our church for several years now. We had a special time of fellowship with several couples spending time praying for them as they raise their daughter in the "nurture and admonition" of the Lord! At the end of March I was able to be a part of a pastor's retreat/fellowship/conference with the other pastors in our fellowship here in Bavaria. We really enjoyed the time of prayer and discussion together. It is truly encouraging to see the Lord's hand at work here in Bavaria - our "circle" of churches keeps growing as new churches are planted and we are excited for the future here in Germany!

In April, Julia and I were privileged to be invited to speak at the Missions Conference in Madrid Spain, where our friends Corre and Claudia Meyer are serving. We always experience a bit of culture shock - it is amazing how different the cultures can

be here in Europe! We love being there and are so thrilled to see from year to year how the church there is thriving and growing! We also had several activities and outreaches in April - we have a series of church hikes that we plan every year to foster fellowship and interaction. The Lord always gives opportunity to witness as we have several that attend who are not believers. The ladies also had an evangelistic ladies breakfast and we had some guests there who heard the Gospel presented.

Last year we hosted the regional fellowship on May 1. (German Labor Day) This year we were guests in Ingolstadt - and every year the record for attendance keeps getting broken - I believe there were about 380 believers from across Bavaria in attendance this year. We were blessed with good weather and are very thankful for that, as there are no possibilities here for any of our churches to host 380 people inside. Of course, as our Germans always say, "There is no such thing as bad weather, only the wrong clothes."

In May we also attended the "Heart for Europe" counseling training for ladies in Millstatt, Austria. I take Julia and spend time with the other pastors who have traveled. This year the conference was attended by ladies from Spain, Portugal, Germany, Belgium, and the US. We spend much

time in the ministry counseling, and I believe that this will only become even more important in the coming years. Please pray for your missionaries, as they not only counsel, but seek to equip their people in their churches to give Biblical counsel as well! We finished May with a new class "overview of hermeneutics" for those in our church desiring to be equipped to study God's Word more in depth. I was absolutely stunned at the hunger of our people to spend extra time each Sunday for this class - we finished last week with 32 in attendance. Please pray for the next generation of believers as they take these principles and Lord willing, are able to become the next generation of leaders in the church!



In personal news, our family in the USA is also growing! Our daughter Bethany and her husband Titus are expecting their second child this month. They are also in the process of adopting a boy (they have been fostering him for several years). By the end of June we will likely have 3 "official" grandchildren. Julia is planning to come for a few weeks to help after the birth, and I will pop in for 10 days in July, just before our camp starts here. Pray for us as we hit the ground running on our return to Germany - there is so much to do but our Lord is faithful. Thank you so much for your love, prayer, and support! The Lord is building His church here in Oberpfraundorf - and if you ever desire to come see for yourself what He is doing, please reach out! We are praying for you all and wishing you a blessed start to the summer season.

Im Herrn Jesus verbunden,

Keith und Julia Klaus

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