

# The Klaus Family in Germany

*The mercies of God! what a theme for my song,  
Oh! I never could number them o'er;  
They're more than the stars in the heavenly dome,  
Or the sands of the wave-beaten shore.*

Dear family and friends,

This song has been on my heart the past few days here in Bavaria in Germany! Greetings from Keith and Julia Klaus - we have been busy the last few months and it is past time we send you an update, so here goes!

Following camp this summer we normally have a slower summer, but this year way anything but! We were blessed with some guests from the US and also were privileged to hold a marriage seminar at a sister church here in Germany. It was so encouraging to see these couples hungering for a biblical concept of God's plan for marriage! In August we also had our next wedding at our church - and what a joy it was to see these two young people and their desire to serve the Lord. They are faithful and growing members here in our church family. (They also pranked me last week by telling me their family was growing - then informed me they are getting a cat. )

Julia and I were able to get away for 3 days to our favorite place down on the edge of the Alps - we wish it could have been longer, but we are always amazed at God's creation and majesty!

September brought us to a church project - as the church has grown our auditorium has been filling. We were able to tear out a wall in the back and extend the room a bit, making it more comfortable for the ca. 70-80 who regularly attend the services. This is especially helpful when we have events, as you will soon read. We also held 2 baptism services in September (with 3 young people who were baptized)



Watching the baptism from the bridge

October always begins with the German "Harvest Thanksgiving" Sunday, and this year we were excited to have our good friends here visiting from Alabama. We enjoyed so much the time with them and reconnecting and talking about "the good old days" in Bible College!

The Kiss family from Budapest, Hungary also joined us for the last weekend in October and we had a great time getting to know them and their ministry better. They have some Wisconsin connections as well and I was proud to share my cheesehead with them.

That weekend we also hosted the Bavaria-wide men's day at our church. There were over 105 men in attendance and we were so glad to have the extended space in the auditorium. The theme for the day was found in Galatians 4:7: "Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ." Hearing over 100 men singing for the glory of God was a special encouragement!



Men's Day in Oberpfraundorf

Immediately after the men's day we started the "Mission Possible European Retreat" in Rothenburg. This year's theme was "The Lord of my Need" and as has been the case for the past years, Julia headed up the children's program and activities and I was able to help with the technology and music aspects. We are always blessed to spend this time with God's servants from all over Europe!

Our next event is also coming right up: this coming Sunday we will be hosting an American Thanksgiving dinner at our church after the service. The Gospel will be clearly presented and we see a great opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our guests. This year looks to be our biggest event ever, with over 115 signed up to attend! We will be bursting at the seams this

weekend - please pray for the day to run smoothly, for nerves not to get frazzled, and that most importantly, the Word of God would reach hearts!

Looking ahead, Julia's parents will be coming in December from Alabama for a visit and we are looking forward to some wonderful time with family. Our church ladies are also hosting the Bavaria-wide Ladies Weekend in January - there is much to organize and prepare and we found out this past week that the registration is full!

So this should bring you up to date for now - Lord willing I will get some time next week to give a short report on how the Sunday went - we appreciate so much your sacrifice and faithfulness that allows us to serve our great Savior here in Germany! I'll close with the chorus:

*For mercies so great, what return can I make?  
For mercies so constant and sure?  
I'll love Him, I'll serve Him will all that I have  
As long as my life shall endure.*

With joy unspeakable and full of glory,  
**liebe Grüße, Keith und Julia**

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