

The Klaus Family in Germany

Oooops, I am so sorry! This summer I had gone through and prepared pictures for our summer prayer letter and set them to the side – and at some point, forgot to get the actual prayer letter out. This will be an update from that time with a bit added – and I will send another update in a few weeks to bring everything up to speed.

It has been a great year with a lot of growth and activity in our church. We will start with April and work our way through! We were blessed in April to host our friend Dr. Markus Blietz as he came and held two lectures for our outreach in Beratzhausen. He gave us a scientific perspective of songbirds and showed the beauty of God's creation. The second evening focused on the writing of the Gospels and how important it is that they are historically accurate eyewitness accounts. In May, we also held our second WoBi (weekend Bible School) and were blessed to have around 30 in attendance. We also were able to attend a new church kickoff service and were blessed with company from the US (my brother Daniel and his wife and daughter from New York City. But the best news...



Men's Breakfast always great!

We have been praying specifically for years for our unsaved husbands in our church. I had specifically been meeting with a family friend of ours – his wife trusted the Lord years ago through Julias testimony and witnessing, was baptized, and is a part of our church. At these meetings with K, along with sharing the Gospel, we had been looking at conversion stories in the Scripture. This summer, he trusted the Lord as Savior at the age of 84. We immediately began talking through the importance of baptism. At the same time, we had another young man ask to be baptized. (A is 17 years old and trusted Christ through the camp ministry) ALSO, another young man, C, who has been in our church for years but

was never ready to make that step, came and expressed his desire to be baptized. We scheduled the baptism for the river in Laaber on the 19th of July. In the meantime, I had been meeting regularly with another gentleman – H – (we have been meeting for the past 3 years) He had been a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses for 17 years and came to one of our outreaches "searching for truth". In July, he also trusted the Lord as Savior and was a part of the baptism service. Unfortunately, A became very ill the weekend of the baptism and K had a stroke 2 days before. In spite of these things, the baptism was a huge blessing and the testimonies such an encouragement to our church community. We have since held a second baptism, and A was able to follow through. We are praying for K to recover – he is now at home after a long time in a rehab center and is doing much better, but his speech is severely hindered. Please pray for him and his dear wife.

We were also greatly blessed to have family here this summer. Our daughter Bethany was here with her family (and in-laws) in July and were able to be at the baptism service. We had some quality grandchildren time going into August and were so refreshed and blessed to have them here! Along

the way we have been doing some church renovations – we were able to get a new room in our building for our small children Sunday School class and are about finished sprucing up the larger room as well. We are so thankful for our dear people who have invested their lives in every area of the ministry here and want to be a blessing. We also hosted the regional “Young Adult” Saturday on September 26th (with 85 in attendance.) My mom and her husband Tom also blessed us with a visit last week and we enjoyed having them here with us as well! On the teaching/preaching front, we now have 4 men who are helping me teach through Proverbs through the fall on Wednesday evenings and it is exciting to see them develop. The next two weeks we have a short “homiletics” crash course planned. (as a follow up to our hermeneutics series last fall) God has been SO good to us. Sunday I will start a fresh series in the book of Titus.



Family visits always great, too!

So, this letter obviously became a bit longer than it needed to be (my own fault). But please be praying for: 1. Our upcoming homiletics course. 2. The upcoming “Mission Possible European Retreat” at the beginning of November – we have many responsibilities with the children, music, and tech side of the retreat. 3. The evangelistic American Thanksgiving church service and meal on 22. November – one of our most attended outreaches. 4. Our remaining husbands who need to trust the Lord as Savior.

I will try to write again in a few weeks with a short update and a few pictures. Thanks so much for your faithfulness, prayers, and support! We plan to be in the US for a short 4-week trip immediately after Christmas and I will write more as we get our plans finalized. May the Lord bless you in this fall season!

with affections on things above,

liebe Grüße, Keith und Julia

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