



## *Sacredly hidden to be found*

Our lives are saturated with sacred moments because our Heavenly Father engages with us even though we may not be aware or we are just doing life. Knowing He is with me on a walk to the store, seeing a rainbow at just the right moment, tearful goodbye's, seeing a child's or adults eyes light up when a gift comes their way or watching a bird feed their young, are ordinary moments that are heavy with His sacred love and affirmation.

We have been given the privilege and capacity to allow ourselves to reflect in those moments, even for just a second, and to breath in deeply His presence and His love and in that moment He strengthens and change us.

When we do so, many of these ordinary sacred moments become testimonies that we share

with those around us. It may come through our changed outlook, a peaceful smile or a story of His mysterious love.

David expresses this in Psalm 66:16-17

"Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what He has done for me.

I cried out to Him with my mouth, His praise was on my tongue."



Here are some of our ordinary but sacred stories from the last few months:

- Meeting the parents of some of our daughters and sharing the joy of who they are and what they have become.
- Celebrating the many birthdays of our missionary adult "children" and watching them soak in the affirmations from those around them, even though they have only known each other for 7 months!
- Seeing a double rainbow over our town after days of rain and storms.
- Praying for a emergency situation with Micah on a walk (we were pursuing a helicopter that landed in a secluded part in town and happened to be nearby when we realized it was there to airlift someone that was hurt) and finding out later that we were praying for a leader from his school and father of one of his friends! The injuries where minimal for a situation that could have been fatal. How precious a moment that was.
- Watching David diligently do the dishes after our countless meals hosting missionaries.



And so many more! May we never undervalue what He is doing in us, through us and around us.

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## *What is coming up?*

We are 2 weeks away from the end of this school year and that means Megan will graduate and start her next season of life! She was accepted at YWAM Cologne and is planning on doing a DTS there focused on Justice and Mercy starting late September.

Norma, David's mother, is here for Megan's graduation. David and I are in the middle of helping missionaries in transition for the next few months while wrapping up our ongoing weekly groups. Goodbyes are being said constantly and with it comes joy and sadness.



This summer we will have served here in Kandern for 5 years and we are so blessed to have this assignment that brings life and strength to those that touch so many! We praise God for allowing us to be a tool for Him in loving on His servants and we will continue to minister and serve those the Lord brings into our arms for as long as He needs us to.

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\* **Note on the banner picture:** Micah was so tired from one of our walks, that he just laid down in the middle of this street to wait for the rest of the family to catch up to us. I happen to catch this on my phone and love how the whole picture comes together in a beautiful moment.

### **Praise that is on our tongue:**

- God is so faithful to meet us right where we are at, each moment of the day!
  - Megan had an amazing mission trip to Nepal and was impacted for His Kingdom!
- Thank you for your prayers and support!
- Our family is growing in love and maturity!
  - For the fruit we get to see in our family and our ministry!
  - Our home is a house of peace, rest and growth. Thank you, Jesus!

**Prayers we are praying and you can join us in:**

- For missionaries in transition. For grace in messy situations and trust that a God has a good plan for them in the future and a healthy grief process
- For our first year missionaries who are visiting family back in the US this summer. For emotional strength and courage to say goodbye again.
- For our family as we transition into a new season with our children. :)

How can we pray for you? We would love a note that lets us know how you are and how we can pray as a family for you.

With love and gratitude!

David and Anna

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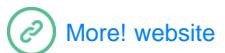
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