



### **Translation/Meaning**

A firm belief/faith/confidence that the future holds good things.

(Zu·ver·sicht; literal translation: to·per·sight)

In English Zuversicht is translated simply as confidence, but as you can see this word encompasses so much more.

Zuversicht is a restful disposition we can assume as we look at the future, regardless of what comes our way. It allows His peace to enter into us and refresh our mind and soul from all the planning, worrying and thinking. How about you?

As Believers we get to have Zuversicht about our eternal destiny as well as that our Heavenly Father has good things planned for us here on earth. It is definitely a hold on word through life's ups and downs. Can you say it now?

We discussed and meditated on this in our groups recently and it has brought such relief, hope and peace. For many missionaries the future can be very uncertain as it relates to personal life or ministry assignments (constant changes in ministry, planning furloughs/summers, aging parents, college kids struggling, financial support fluctuations, hostile ministry settings..) That is

why missionaries always seem so flexible and adaptable, they have to, it is part of the job in being a seasoned minister.

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## January/February 2018

The beginning of this new year has set off with surprises and ongoing blessings.

### Ongoing Blessings

We continue to create a place and times in our home for missionaries to rest, refresh, find the Zuversicht and peace that the Holy Spirit brings. What does that look like?

A lot of times like these photos:



Missionaries able to rest, laugh and encourage one another.

As we open our home and our hearts for a meal with one person or with a large group of missionaries, we get to hug them, listen to their current highs and lows, pray for them and encourage them in their faith. This is life giving to them and us because it comes from Him!



Taking missionaries to experience the beauty of His creation here in the Black Forest, seems to create a lot of joy, childlike behaviors and a dose of fresh energy for the week.

## **Surprises**

We discovered that Patch our 12 year old dog has diabetes now and our routine has had to adapt to managing his health. He is doing great but it is a learning curve for us and a financial challenge as the insulin is expensive. Meditating on Zuversicht during this time has been a huge help. Pray for us and especially Hannah as it is her dog and she is 7 hours away if something where to happen.

Another surprise recently has been some new additions to our Sunday morning home-church group, which includes a worship leader! Yay God! Maria and Caleb are joining us and Maria leads worship. A couple of others join us as well and we love how God brings His people for specific reasons to our home so we can all experience Him more and recharge for the ministry to others.

Our Father keeps surprising us with good things and we are so blessed!

## **Other news & Prayer requests**

- Megan is preparing to go on a missions-trip to Nepal with her school here in March and we are so excited for her. Pray that Megan's heart and mind will be in alignment with the Holy Spirit as this will be her first third world experience. If you would like to support her, here is the link for donations: [DONATE](#)
- Please pray for our first year missionary friends who arrived last August. The honeymoon of being a missionary is over and they are adjusting to the reality of their new life and making decisions for their future. As we continue to minister to them pray for their hearts will continue to embrace Zuversicht together.
- Continue to pray for our family as Megan graduates in June and is seeking the Lord on guidance for her gap year and beyond. We stand on Zuversicht. 😊

We pray for you!

Thank you, for your prayers and support! We so appreciate each one of you and know that our ministry is thriving because of your prayers. We pray for you to be blessed and

protected and wish each of you could see and experience how God is working in and through us here in Germany. Maybe one day? Let us know if you feel nudged.

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