



He surprises us with His love...

"Faith is like a bright ray of sunlight. It enables us to see God in all things as well as all things in God." -St. Francis de Sales

The last few months have passed so fast and so much has happened! Yes, that does mean busyness but it also means times of wonder over miracles, joy and reflection about God's infinite love for us. He loves catching us by surprise.

In March we got to welcome Megan and her whole Brazil team in our home as they toured Germany and shared about their mission work. Our little house was full with 10 women plus our family. It was such a treat to meet them all, share meals together, pray for them and be mom and dad to them on this stop in their journey.



Then we got to attend Megan's graduation at the base and bring her home for good. Thank you, for praying for her and her team and for your support! She is adapting back to a cooler climate and working on the next phase of life. It was supposed to be Scotland for college this fall but currently that is on hold as the Brexit delay is not making that an option at this time. We are trusting God for the best place for her!

Anna took one of her women's groups on a pilgrimage to a castle monastery on a hill in France, Mont St. Odile (700 AD patron saint of the blind and those with eye diseases). The weather forecast was not good as it was late March but they went anyway. As they were driving and touring the monastery there were strong winds, hail, sleet, large clouds and sun, but also more than 7 different rainbows! That morning one of the ladies had prayed for God to open her eyes to show her that He is providing in her difficult season of life. She received each of those rainbows as His confirmation of His covenant to never leave her, His provision and His love for us. It was a beautiful day with rainbows appearing in every direction we seemed to look at.



About a year ago we had taken a group of our adopted daughters on a family outing to Mont St. Odile. One of the ladies, Beka, did have an eye condition that she was concerned about. While we were up there we had prayed for her eyes to be healed. We could not tell at the time as her condition can only be seen with 3D imaging from a specialist. Guess what?! In February of this year she had this imaging done (because it takes that long to get an appointment for this). The professor of Ophthalmology in Freiburg did the scans several times and could not find ANY indication that she has this condition anymore! She has the before and after scans and was speechless as doctors don't make these calls lightly. This condition does not reverse itself or heal itself, it is generally degenerative, permanent and leads to blindness as it progresses. Her eyes show NO indication of this condition anymore and are normal. Thank you, God!!

Beka believes God heals but was not sure how to fully process this, although she was trusting that God must have done it. She asked Him to show her in other ways that He did it.

Move forward a month..... late March, we are sitting in our living room sharing, eating, laughing and Beka shares with us that one of her quirky things in life is that she has one foot a size smaller than the other, not a big deal but just a thing she has had since she was little. We decided to pray for her foot to grow..... and

we all watched it do so! At this point Beka is firmly believing that He also healed her eye condition and cares about her and her feet! Can you spot the difference?



In the same room that night we have our other Becca, who had recently torn her ACL and was going into surgery the next morning. We had prayed for healing for Becca when her injury happened and were trusting God to heal her the way He wanted to. After the foot growing out excitement we prayed again for healing for her knee. As we were praying we had an impression that she was Gods VIP and that as she was going into the hospital she would know how special she is and He was taking care of her and healing her. Little did we know that she was going

to stay at 5 star hospital, with her own room and her own translator! Meals were being cooked by the restaurant next door and her room had a balcony and flowers and a beautiful view. Mind you, the only room with a balcony! It is the fanciest hospital any of us had ever seen! Was she healed? Yes, the best surgeon operated and checked in on her at 8pm to make sure she was comfortable and she is recovering beautifully, knowing how special she is!

So far in April we got to celebrate 5 birthdays and love on them with gifts, flowers, scones, time spent together and hugs! These little things are huge and we love being Jesus with skin on and surprising them.



Meet Jason and Larisa! We helped them transition into the community last year and are mentoring them as a couple. They are an amazing example of serving

the Lord and one another. We recently celebrated Larisa's birthday as well. Would you join us in praying for them?

Praises & Prayers you can join us in:

Praise

- All of our adopted daughters have decided to stay on this year and are not leaving! Praising God for peace in decisions!
- Megan is recovering from all the different bugs she was fighting in Brazil and is feeling much better!
- For a season of miracles and His love touching our daughters and friends in amazing and surprising ways!

Pray

- Continued wisdom about our house in MN. We hope to come to a decision this month!
- Wisdom and direction for Megan as she decides her next steps
- For Jason and Larisa as they minister to the Dorm staff here at BFA, for continued protection of their marriage, connection with each other and strength for the work they do.
- David and I will be taking a personal retreat for a few days in May to vision, rest and restore and pray over our family and ministry. Pray that we can refresh and rest as we get away to be with one another and our heavenly Father.

With love and gratitude!
David and Anna

Bonus feature - Some fun pictures from our family.



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