



Greetings from the Mansfield tribe

Celebrations!

As some things slowed down this season and gave us a challenge of rest, reflection, concern and adapting to new realities; other things just kept moving forward without a hesitation, like the beauty of spring and road construction.

We have so many things to celebrate this month:

- Last week was the final week of school for Micah and all the staff at BFA. They did not pause school during the corona restrictions but continued online with their regular curriculum. It was a nightmare for the teachers and a challenging but good experience for most students. We celebrated the end of a very unusual year as everyone did survive in the end.
- We are celebrating the less restrictive life now and our borders to France and Switzerland are open! We drove to our favorite grocery store in France this week and bought French butter, baguettes, brie, pastries and cheered as we crossed the borders.
- We celebrated David's 50th Birthday!
- Reflecting and remembering all the fun moments we got to have with Becca and Amanda over the last 4 years. (who are now heading back to the states)

Good Grief!

- Watching teachers struggle through a tough teaching situation this quarter and lamenting with them as they cried.
- Saying our goodbyes to those who had to leave our area suddenly earlier this season as well as those that are leaving now at the end of the school year. Such a sad and happy time.
- The loss of being able to hug our friends and the freedom of physical contact.

- Not being able to travel to the US this summer to see family, friends and attend Jo Jurrison's wedding!
- Loss of spontaneity as it comes to just getting together for coffee or a chat. Everything needed to be even more planned and evaluated or it was not possible at all.
- Losing Amanda, Becca, Emily, Tanya, Sam, and more.....due to moving back to North America.

What have we gained?

- A new sense of physical boundaries and a regard for what is best for the community and the person in-front of us.
- A respect for the German government in how the pandemic is being handled and communicated.
- Understanding again that the world does not revolve around our preferences but that a consideration of the greater good is a very personal choice and it does have an impact.
- Feeling more connected with our friends and family in North America as our lives took on a similar rhythm and connecting online was the norm.



Sunday forced family fun



Extended family



1st outing to the rose garden!

Ladies Small Group

Thank you, for your prayers and support! We can not do this without your partnership.

Praise:

- We made it through and are learning so much!
- Deeper faith was experienced and is now a foundational piece of moving forward for us and so many here.
- That we all were stuck together as a family of five and were able to minister deeper to those in need.

Prayer:

- Continued grace and faith as the ones departing chart new seasons and a new normal in North America
- Protection from the virus as the borders are open and everyone can freely travel.
- Strength as we traverse a different summer with some missionaries leaving and new missionaries arriving in July.
- Wisdom and Discernment as we plan our next year in ministry starting in August.

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