



“Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again - rejoice! Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.”
Phil.4:4-5 NLT

Greetings from our family to yours

Being considerate has been something our government has been asking us to do by wearing masks, keeping a distance from people and protecting those vulnerable to the virus.

Check. Always being full of joy in the Lord in this season has been a little harder and yet it seems like the Apostle Paul knew that our circumstances may affect our joy as he points us towards the Lord's coming. Watching the events all over the world these last few months certainly make us hope for His coming sooner than later, yet there is joy to be found in the mess of our times. We believe it and have seen it, because He is faithful!

Rejoicing this summer as we had a reprieve in the Covid numbers in June and early July. We drove to France and Switzerland after they opened the borders and wholeheartedly enjoyed in seeing the familiar places we have been longing to go to. Lots of picnics and frolicking happening!

Saying sweet goodbyes with hugs, tears and blessings to our dear adopted daughters and now we are seeing God provide jobs, apartments, cars and other provisions for our dear ones who have moved back to the US in the middle of this chaotic summer! What joy!

Watching God do the impossible as He breezes through more than 50 brand-new missionaries into Germany from countries with pretty strong travel restrictions at that time. That is no small feat! Of course they had to quarantine, but none of them tested positive and were released after 5 days so they can start their new life here in



Kandern. Thank you, Jesus! We have met and helped a few of them and are getting to know more as things come up. Each one of them has their own testimony of what God did to get them here thorough fundraising during covid, wrapping up households in a pandemic, to kind flight personnel and customs agents. Such a wonder and confirmation of His call in their lives. These are testimonies of His faithfulness!

Not done yet! Then He allowed 100+ dorm students coming in from all over the world ALL to clear customs without issues and ALL of them tested negative and were released after 5 days in quarantine. That is His awesome power and it makes that bubble of joy kind of rise up and take over some of the negative thoughts for just a little bit, doesn't it? So, we are excited, encouraged and overjoyed at what this semester and year will bring for BFA and for our ministry.

Family update

-Micah started up regular school last week and has 3 new staff members teaching him this year who have experienced the above and are full of purpose and faith!

-Megan is volunteering in the Library at BFA again and taking online courses again from home.

-Hannah is back in Rotterdam and has started her 4th year in Illustration and Design and will be graduating next summer. She is excited to be back with her friends there and ministering with the campus ministry leadership team of Students for Christ.

-David & Anna continue to meet with individual missionaries, leaders in this area and small groups to encourage, equip and bless them as they journey with the Lord in this season of their lives. As we envisioned and prayed for this year, we heard His confirmation to continue ministering the way we have. We are entering our 8th year and are as excited to be here as we were in year one!



Beka & Kara making authentic Mexican tacos for us



Family picnic



Micah and friends birthday party



Family together before two of them depart



Micah turned 16 this summer



New staff we get to connect with



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

Praise:

- A summer of joy in the middle of chaos!
- No virus detection in us as we visited our neighbor countries and students and staff from all over the world!
- Provision and favor for our adopted daughters and friends as they entered America in the middle of a pandemic, violent protests and fires!
- Strength and a renewed vision to keep ministering the way we have as we enter our 8th year with joy and excitement.

Prayer:

- That the testimonies of this summer will bring fruit in our community and in our children for this next year for His glory.
- Pray for the students and staff at BFA to continue to seek His face and step into their anointing as He has provided so powerfully for them to be here!
- Protection from lies and false teaching in our community. We have many different denominations and mission organizations here and one's theology is a frequent topic.

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