...even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. Psalm 139:12

Carrying the light of Jesus

As the season is changing from fall to winter, we appreciate the light of day and the warm glow of candlelight in our home. Lanterns are
lit, Christmas lights are going up and we start entering into the before Christmas awe and wonder of His birth. This year that seems to be even more possible as we are being asked to stick around home more . . . . so more lights, more candles, less running around stores and more stillness. We have been and will be hosting small gatherings with 2-3 people from our missionary community to offer just that, a place to come to rest, reflect, process and enjoy being together in communion around His presence and all the lights we have put up.

We are blessed to be able to do so because of your support and prayers! Thank you!

**Wishing you all a blessed Christmas Season**

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**Ministry & Family Update**

**Fall Fun**

We hosted some of the new Black Forest Academy staff for pizza nights this fall and have so enjoyed getting to know them and helping them as they need assistance.

A larger event we hosted this fall was an afternoon/evening spent making apple cider, eating flammkuchen, sitting around the fire making smores and watching the stars. We had a good group of new staff and our usual crew.

Anna hosted a renewal retreat for 3 ladies at a hotel right before the latest lockdown was announced. It was a beautiful weekend with God meeting us and ministering to us.

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Walking

This fall our foliage put on quite the bright and colorful display as we had not yet seen in all our years here. Anna had many one on one meetings with ladies walking in the vineyards, hills and forest, taking in the splendor of God’s creation as good conversation and prayers happened.

In October, before restrictions made it impossible, we took a group to the Alps for a day and hiked up to a town. Micah was so excited that he accomplished it and is now walking more with us around here as he wants to go back and keep hiking in the Alps.

Hannah and Megan are continuing in their college studies and we are looking forward to another Christmas where we all get to be together.

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Carrying the light

As we entered into another season of restrictions because of Covid 19, it seems that our role is to help others see the light of Christ in them and around them in the midst of uncertain and darkening days. It has been a joy to watch the light of His love enter their eyes and give them courage for their ministry here. Sometimes all it takes is a hug and a warm cup of tea.

May you be able to enter this Christmas season with His light around you and in you!

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Praises

- Unity in our community as we connect and pray together!
- God has been so faithful to allow us to build community with some of the new staff members.
- A beautiful fall season that brought us out into His creation and ministered to us.
- Still no infections so far!

Prayer Requests

- A reflective and peaceful Christmas Season as we are going into even stricter lockdown for most of December.
- Against loneliness and fear as many can not travel to see their families.
- Snow! Pray that we will have snow this season, so we can go out and play with many people at a safe distance!
- New Years celebrations in small circles that are meaningful and encouraging.

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