



Ministry Update

In the middle of these lockdowns and restrictions we have been blessed with snow and lots of it for a long time! We were able to go play, walk and enjoy all its beauty and cover all the way up until February 14th. It brightened everyone's moods, brought out the playful side and made us in awe of Him. We were able to show some of our new staff the secret spots to play in and meet with some of them in the snow.

Then it quickly turned to spring! Now we get to see all the flowers and buds pop up everywhere. Walking and sitting outside on a bench with those we minister to is still a way to meet restrictions and enjoy nature and God's presence with us.

As of this week restrictions are starting to ease up slowly. Stores can have customers by appointment and we are allowed to have gatherings again of up to five people. This means we can start meeting with our groups again and resume hosting occasional events in our home.

It has been a blessing to invest and meet one on one with missionaries but we are ready for community in person.

Family Update

We have enjoyed a lot of good memory making family times. Hannah was able to be home for two months and is now back in Rotterdam. Micah started school onsite in late February and got braces on his teeth. Megan is currently visiting her friend in Alabama as she is exploring if living/working/studying in America is something she would like to do. This is her first visit back in almost 8 years and is liking it so far. She was pioneering for our family getting a COVID Test and traveling during the pandemic. David and I are still taking regular hikes and walks and experimenting in the kitchen with pizza recipes and other

foods. One of our new staples are lentils. We are looking forward to sharing some of our culinary experiments with those we will be able to host again soon.

What is coming up?

In the next few weeks we will host, gather, meet and pray with missionaries that are still adjusting to living here. Those that have settled and those that are preparing to leave. During our time here we have been adapting different ministry models, tools and practices that help missionaries find comfort, relief and a closer journey with God. That is at the heart of our ministry, loving others with Christ's love as they discover Him in a new and deeper way in the middle of their circumstances. We are so blessed to be a part of this journey with others and with our Lord.



We don't know what they are laughing about but joy seemed to be dominating those days.

David helping Amanda buy her first car.
Dealership gifts her a bottle of champagne to christen it.



Trooper!



Celebrating Birthdays!



Good ol family photo



Family time watching the Twins play baseball and enjoying the spring on the Rhine river.

Praises

- The Snow! We had snow for almost 2 months and the perfect weather conditions to be out for long periods of time! We felt like we were in the Swiss alps on a winter vacation every time we drove 10 minutes up the hill to enjoy it. It was such a blessing!
- We, as well as our community made it through this big COVID wave without getting it. There were 2-3 families that got it over Christmas because they traveled and it did not spread. BFA was doing online school until mid February and everyone is back to school and we are all still COVID free.
- Rest and refreshment for our missionaries who were worn out before Christmas came back strong. This is unusual as normally January/February are also tough months.

We believe God gave them rest and strength to make it through.....also the weather helped....did we mention the snow?

Prayer Requests

- Megan to not get COVID in Alabama and smooth travels.
- Protection as we meet in groups. May we re-enter meeting together with joy, honesty and love. Covid has changed us and we want to continue that journey of self discovery and God discovery.
- Doing Community well as we meet regularly. That we can engage more deeply and enjoy each other and His presence among us.
- 6 Missionaries from our groups are preparing to leave or move somewhere else. Pray for peace, wisdom, trust and provision.

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