Ministry Update

*New ministry year with a new outreach*

Covid-19 related restrictions are loosening up which allows small groups to meet again. If you've been keeping up with our past updates we shared how we've been meeting with people one on one. We still do meet in that manner but this fall we've started back up our small groups and hosting more people again for dinners and celebrations.

A new outreach is David starting to connect men together via backyard fires and chats. This is something he's been wanting to do for a while. His desire is to bring together guys who may not necessarily join a small group or study and give them a space to connect, talk about life and pray for each other outside of their ministry roles here. There has been one fire so far and it was as good as David had hoped. Finding the right dates to meet and the weather conditions are a challenge but we will press on. We are excited to serve in this way and hope it will
draw those guys the Lord wants to come.

One of the new staff to BFA is a Minnesota native, Kelly, and we are blessed to be able to provide a sense of home and comfort in a turbulent season for her.

We also have been able to help a family of 5 that has moved here later than everyone else, by picking them up from the Frankfurt airport and helping them transition to their new life and ministry here. The Shell family is hailing from Texas but Jonathan, the dad, is originally from Wenatchee which was the area David grew up in Washington State. Jonathan is also Micah's teacher for his AP Comparative Government class. Their youngest is named Micah and is entering 3rd grade at the bilingual school here, which is exactly what our Micah did. Lots of fun connections for us and them, plus they brought a dog and a cat......:). Since they are coming in late into the quarter they have to catch up on in a much faster pace than normal. We are so glad to be able to walk alongside them as they walk this rough path.

We mention BFA a lot since it is one of the biggest group of missionaries here, but we also serve and meet regularly with missionaries from other organizations like SIL, Wycliffe, GEM and some smaller Missions organizations that have offices and staff here. There has been an influx of missionaries who have served for years in Turkey, other parts of Asia or the middle east and have been either kicked out or are denied further visas and have
been sent here. They are finding it even harder to adjust living in Germany while ministering in fields somewhere else. Naturally their children have to adjust as well, although BFA is usually a happy surprise for them because of the love and dedication of the missionary teachers. We will throw some names in the prayer requests below so you can join us in prayer for our new families and individuals.

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**Family**

In our last update we asked you to pray for a job for Hannah. She has a job! She is working for Picnic, which is an American grocery home delivery company that has a presence in the Netherlands. She's been working for them for about a month in the warehouse that assembles the grocery orders. The work environment is good and she enjoys what she is doing. It may not be a long term job but definitely a good job to start out with. She’ been getting transportation to and from work at times and they provide snacks, meals, shoes and a shirt. Thank you for praying. Thank you, God for providing.

A couple weeks ago the different BFA grades went on their class trips. Micah’s class traveled to Wittenberg, home of Martin Luther. They learned about the reformation and visited the sights. The handsome lad with the manbun is our Micah standing in front of the doors where Luther posted his Thesis.

Megan is doing well and has increased her volunteering hours at BFA and has taken on a babysitting job for a woman’s weekly Community Bible Study in town.
We continue to enjoy our hikes as a family and David and Micah have gone on overnight hammock camping trips in our mountains on some weekends that are free. God has blessed us with beautiful surroundings that refresh us and put us in awe of Him.

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**Praises**

- Praising God for a good, challenging but rewarding job for Hannah!
- God's providence in connecting us exactly with the right families and individuals that we get to minister to this season and beyond. We love them already!
- The first fire time with the Men's fire was a blessing!

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**Prayer Requests**

- Pray for continued strength, wisdom and energy to minister in all the different ways that we get to: Prayer, emotional support, spiritual encouragement and guidance, transition support with their homes, cars, children, pets and doctors.
- Pray for a new place to live for Hannah. She will have to move in the next 2 months as her student housing contract will be up.
- Pray for these NEW individuals and families we get to walk alongside: Kelly, Lauri, Danielle, Caleb, Hannah, Shell Family and Woodard family.
- Pray for comfort for those missionaries who have aging and sick family members back in North America in this season. This is a huge stressor for many.
Pray for comfort for those who are not able to go home for Christmas this year.

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