



Reflecting and Being Light

"Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever."

Daniel 12:3

Nature was made to remind us of His light and glory that is in us and all around us. It seems when seasons change we get a really strong dose of this reminder. Then when we lean in, watch and pay attention, we see it everywhere! Have you seen it? How is it resonating with your light and awareness of Him? We need to be reminded that we have His light and that He wants that to be revealed gloriously through us broken vessels. The sunflower can't help just standing there tall and strong as it shines. In the same way can we not help it being a light when we remain in Him and love our brothers and sisters.



What we have been up to:

Late August Micah started his senior year and we are in that season of watching our youngest child grow up and prepare to release him. We enjoy spending time with Micah and are excited for what his journey will be. He likes being a small group leader to 8th grade boys with the middle school youth program here, something he did not know he would like so much. He is looking at colleges to have an idea what his options may be, but he will embark first on a gap year next. We are still praying and discerning what that may look like for him.

Our garage is almost back to its usual storage capacity as we have been able to give away almost all of the things we got to collect this summer. There are still a few things here that we are storing for missionaries as they are settling into their new homes.

We have been able to meet and help new missionaries, enjoy being useful and come in contact with them just in time when things seem like they are coming apart. God is so faithful in this and we love seeing Him bring peace and ease as we help with everyday things as well as God sized things when we pray.

We went to one of our ministry adopted daughter's wedding in Bristol, England for a weekend in September. She moved there last year and it was a blessing for us to lead a group from Kandern there to be a part of a even larger family gathering.

David and I were able to go to a missionary couples retreat that we have gone to annually but have not been able to for the last 2 years due to Covid. What a refreshment and blessing that was! David is hosting regular mens fire gatherings again and Anna's ladies groups have been meeting alongside the one on one meetings we have ongoing.

It seems many of us are in a season of discernment in some way. As Micah will transition out of our home next year, we are wondering how that shift will impact our lives and ministry. We are still planning on continuing to minister here in Kandern, Germany -- Lord willing. With this being a hub for many organizations there is always a wave of those leaving and coming, which keeps us busy and engaged all of the year. It also brings new energy and focus as each year we get a slightly different set of individuals and families to walk alongside and help.



Moving into the Christmas Season with the awareness of His light in and around us gives us the courage to be more light and embrace how He wants to shine through us. Its for Him anyway.

Praises

- Megan is still doing great working and living in Huntsville, AL. She is one of the favorite employees already and is getting tips from customers who appreciate her. Her manager keeps telling her how awesome she is and when she asked him if she could take a couple weeks off for Christmas he did not even hesitate to approve it. He just asked her to tell him when she will be back. This is huge as we were not sure if she could come home after only working for a couple of months. Thank you, Jesus for this favor.
- God is really at work in our community. The group of families we wrote about that was causing division, has softened and is engaging in more honoring ways. Thank you, for your prayers and keep praying!
- Hannah's situation may not have changed yet but her faith and connection to God has grown and she feels more at peace about her future. Thank you, for praying! She also enjoys living with two Christian roommates.

Prayer Requests

- New missionaries - new adventures / returning missionaries - new adventures. Please continue to pray for wisdom and grace as we navigate a balance between continuing to minister to those who have been here and those that are new.
- Continue to pray for Micah's former teacher Kyle. He was willing to raise the support and stay but the school could not allow him to do so due to visa guidelines. He did have to go back to the US. Pray for his transition, for comfort as he sorts this out with his family and wisdom for next steps.
- Pray for these new families and individuals that we engage with: - The O. Family: A lot of stress in adjustment to living here and parenting their teens. They have four children. Each of them at a different school. There are health issues, mental health concerns as well as a child that has special needs. - The W. family has been here since last year but this year we got to engage more with them. Pray for their marriage and balance in ministry and family. They have three sons. -The S. family has moved here after long hard seasons churchplanting in europe. They are in a sabbatical/shift/recalibrating season. Pray for rest, wisdom and recovery from their previous seasons. - Pray for K. as she navigates if this is where she is truly been called to serve.

- Pray for the BFA staff this month as they are being asked to let the school know if they are coming back next year after the summer. This is so hard on them as they need to make a decision not knowing fully yet what they feel called to do next year. Pray for peace and clarity.
- Pray for our Ukrainian refugees that are here and waiting to go home or waiting for an apartment to become available. They are getting good care but it is transition housing and they are weary of their future.

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David



Anna



Annual missionary retreat. We are usually in the back with our hands raised. :)

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