



A Blessing for 2023

"May we continue to hold on
to the light and faith within us,
as we believe and long
in confidence and obedience,
for our promise of His coming
in the midst of our joy and suffering."
(based on Hebrews 10:32-39)

Summer Recap and Fall Plans

Our summer has been full! From hosting a missionary retreat in early July, Anna's niece and her family staying with us later in July, to helping missionaries wrap up their lives here. Towards the end of the summer we visited Minnesota and Washington state for a month! We are so blessed and tired. Although the tiredness is mostly from traveling and trying to adjust back to German time zone.

Our trip to the US was fruitful and needed for all of us. We reconnected with dear friends, family, amazing supporters and supporting churches. We enjoyed being again in the places where we also belong and have made a home. Minnesota is still how we remember it and we spent time reminiscing while revisiting our old stomping grounds and favorite places (pictures below). Spending time with friends was life giving and affirming of how love remains even when we don't see each other that often. Our hearts are full and overflowing with gratitude and sweet memories. We accomplished the house projects and also made headway on our storage unit. Thank you, for your prayers.

In Washington state we reconnected with family, friends and our supporting church there. We also got Micah all set up to live with David's mother. Some of our highlights are meeting all the new family members in our extended family, going for a hike on the Pacific Crest Trail, visiting a college campus near Seattle, seeing dear friends from MN in WA, visiting with a 100 year old lady while finding common places we have been to and connecting in our faith.

It was so wonderful to see so many of you in person and have extended time with some of you. It was so refreshing and life giving to all of us. For some of you we did not have a chance to visit with but we will get in touch with you soon to connect.

Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts to ALL of you... you know who you are... you drove us to and from the airports, hosted us, loved on us and blessed us with precious time spent over a meal or on a boat sharing life. You helped us remove our treefort and allowed us to add it to your burn pile. Loaned us your cars, let us stay in your homes and prayed for our family and ministry. Some of you did pretty much all of these things and that means the world to us.



Fall Ministry

We've taken a couple of days to get our sleep schedule back in the right order and recover from a cold. Now we are back to serving and ministering as we have been. The groups we lead are starting up again and one on one meetings have resumed. We look forward to mid October as we go again to our annual retreat in Switzerland for a couple of days.

Anything new this year? Since we have been keeping pretty busy with all the ways we minister currently we are not adding any new things to our plate. We always look forward to seeing missionaries grow and heal, find relief and freedom from burdens we can help them carry and release. There will be a series of transition retreats that will happen this fall and winter for those that are preparing to leave next Summer. It is a privilege and an honor to serve here and we are encouraged as we enter year 11 here in Germany.



A few more photos at the bottom...

Praises

- Praising God for a wonderful time revisiting and connecting on our US trip!
- Praising God for all the provisions we needed for our trip. Cars to borrow and homes to stay in. Friendship and family time to refresh us.
- For another ministry year we can look forward to with joy and expectation as we see God meet our needs and the needs of the missionaries.
- God is so faithful and loving. He knows what we need and when we need it. Praising Him for all the sweet moments with Him, our friends and family.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for another fruitful year in ministry. For God to be glorified through our work and His Kingdom and the Gospel to come alive in missionaries as they reach the world.
- Pray for our fall retreat. That we can spend extra time with God and one another after a busy summer.
- Pray for the missionaries that are new this year and we have not met yet. That God would lead the ones He wants us to minister to our way and we would see His hand leading as we mentor, serve and pray.
- Continue to pray for Micah as he has tentatively found two part time jobs in WA. Pray for him and his Grandma Norma to enjoy living together. Pray for him also as he prepares for his time in

Norway and for the fundraising he will have to do. We are still waiting for the details.

- Continue to pray for Megan as we meet with local offices to help navigate a job placement for her here in Germany.
- As we head into another ministry year pray for our budget and finances. That we will be wise in our decisions and for donations to come in for the gaps and needs. Especially for the retreats that we are planning to host this year. We usually fund them and right now it does not seem like that is possible, but we believe in a God who makes things possible according to His purposes.

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