



Just one of the many “love locks” on a bridge in Germany

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I'd love to set up a time to talk with you!

I am also willing to set up a time to teach your children a bit more about the history, geography, and language of Germany! Email me to set something up!

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I recently read Ecclesiastes 3 during my Bible time. The first verse of this poem, written by Solomon says: “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” In the next 7 verses, Solomon writes in opposites, “a time to be born, and a time to die...a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted...a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing...” These seasons and times are completely out of our control. And that can be scary! But when we feel like the whole world is out of control, we can remember what the apostle Paul wrote in Romans 8:38-39: “For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” For all those times we cannot control, God is in control. And He loves us so much that nothing will keep us from Him.

On many bridges throughout Europe can be found dozens if not hundreds of locks. Some are brightly colored, some dull and rusted. Some have names and dates on them, some just have a heart. These locks were placed on the bridges by people in love. They close the lock around part of the bridge then they throw the key into the river to signify that their love will last forever. God does that with us! He locks us in His love and never lets us go. We see evidence of His awesome love for us when He went to the cross. He died and rose again so that we may be with Him in heaven one day! Whatever season you are in, remember that God has you locked in His love. This pandemic will end in God's time. God is in control and He will see us through. You are locked in God's love!

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So thankful for hikes in God's creation. I just love wildflowers!

Please Pray for:

- Those who are struggling in any way due to the stay-at-home orders
- Patience for me as I wait to find out when I can head to Germany and as I start the process of packing

Give Thanks for:

- The slow but steady lifting of restrictions
- You as you pray for and support me in serving the Lord

I am in a season of waiting. Though shelter-in-place orders are slowly lifting, travel bans are still in place. This means I don't know when I will be able to get to Germany. I have started to look at the apartment market in Leipzig. Hopefully, once I land, I can view apartments as soon as possible! Though it's hard to wait, I know I will get to Germany at exactly the right time because it will be God's timing, not mine.

I would also love to get to know you better! Do you have any questions? Do you want to talk with someone other than those with whom you are quarantined? Send me an email and we can set something up!

Learning Farsi

I am in the beginning stages of learning Farsi at home! So far I am just focusing on the alphabet. Here are a few facts that I've learned so far!

- Farsi is also known as Persian
- When reading or writing, you do so from right to left
- The Persian alphabet has 32 letters
- The written alphabet is a modified version of the Arabic written alphabet

I look forward to learning even more about this language and the people who speak it!

German

Here are a few facts about the German alphabet!

- The German alphabet uses all the same letters as the English alphabet
- There are 27 letters in the German alphabet
- The 1 extra letter in German is called the "eszett" and it look like this - ß
- Germans use a symbol called the "umlaut" over vowels. The umlaut changes the way you say that vowel

Thank you for joining me on this journey of serving refugees in Germany. God has truly blessed me by placing you in my life!

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