



In my daddy's arms when I was younger

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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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Did your parents ever say something other than “goodbye” whenever you left the house? For as long as I can remember, these words would follow me as I left the house: “Remember whose child you are.” I found this phrase everywhere growing up, on napkins in my school lunch, at the end of emails or phone calls from my parents, going to visit friends, leaving for college, etc. Every time I left the house these words echoed in my head. It took me a while to figure out that my parents weren't reminding me to be good because I was their daughter and I was expected to behave as they taught me to behave. Rather, they were reminding me whose child I ultimately am. I am God's. Paul writes in Romans 8:14-15, “For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God...you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’” We know to whom we belong. We are God's children!

Do you remember whose child you are? Sadly, we all forget at times that we are God's beloved children and the evidence of that forgetfulness is seen in our broken world. God wants all His children to know Him. There are so many people in this world that are crying out for a family, for a place to belong, for a loving Father. As already baptized children in God's family, we get to share our faith family with everyone and anyone who is searching for that sense of family. And what a family! God's family is different than your typical family. We have a heavenly Father who loves us so much that He would send His Son, our big brother, into the world to die for us. God did that for us even when we were being cruel and sinning against Him. He did that because He wanted to adopt us and make us true heirs with Jesus. “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 John 3:1)

When I was little and about to be disciplined, my father would come up to my room and talk with me about why what I had done was wrong. I usually did not want to listen to him. I would cry and thrash about but he would just take me into his arms and hold me until I calmed enough to listen. God does that with us! We cry and thrash about, not wanting to confront our sins, to acknowledge that we did something wrong. But God is patient. He takes us into His loving arms and sits with us until we are calm. He opens our hearts to His goodness and love and invites us to repent, to be brought back into His family as a forgiven child. There are so many people in this world that would benefit from being in a family like God's. But how can they remember whose children they truly are if they don't know about God and His love for them? As beloved children of God, we have the opportunity to share our family with others. Some of God's children may be called to share about God with people in different countries. But all of us are called to share our Heavenly Father with people where we are - in our neighborhoods, in the grocery store, in the park. Wherever we go and by the power of the Spirit, His family can expand to the ends of the earth. As you go, always remember whose child you are.



An evening spent in God's creation - sunsets over a lake are my favorite!

Please Pray for:

- Those who are still unable to attend worship due to health concerns
- Continued patience for me as I wait to head to Germany and as I continue the process of packing and start the process of saying goodbye

Give Thanks for:

- Being able to attend modified in-person worship services with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ
- You as you pray for and support me in serving the Lord

I've been flexing my German language brain muscles a lot this month! Due to the pandemic and all worship services being held in an online format, St. Lukaskirche wants to extend its outreach to English speakers. To continue engaging this English-speaking population, the livestream church services include slides and the text of the sermon written in German, Farsi, and now English! I get to help from the U.S. by translating the German sermon into English! This has a couple of benefits. One: through these translations, the Word of God will go out to even more people, and two: I get to strengthen my German skills!

Learning Farsi

Here are a couple of words I've learned in Farsi so far! Since it was Father's Day this month, I decided to share the words for dad and mother:

dad = بابا (baba)

mother = مادر (mohdar)

Don't forget - you read the Persian words from **right to left!**

Help Wanted

When I get overseas, it will be difficult for me to print out and send my newsletters to supporters via mail. Is there an individual or a church small group that would be willing to print and send out my newsletters for me? If you are interested, send me an email and we can discuss further details!

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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