

Preparing to give a presentation about what God is doing in Germany

I have some exciting news to share with you! At the end of January, I was given a solemn appointment to extend my time here in Germany with a transition from a GEO position to a career position and I accepted! To help with this transition, I came back to the States for another round of missionary orientation that began mid-March. Missionary orientation consists of two weeks of training at LCMS headquarters in St. Louis - one week in mid-March and another week in the beginning of May. Though I came back to the States on short notice, I was able to make presentations at several churches and schools and meet up with various supporters. I hope that next time I return for home service, I can visit even more of my wonderful supporters! As a side note, even though I am back in Germany, I am available to give Zoom presentations or to set up a time to video call one-on-one with you. I look forward to keeping you updated on what the Lord continues to do here in Germany!

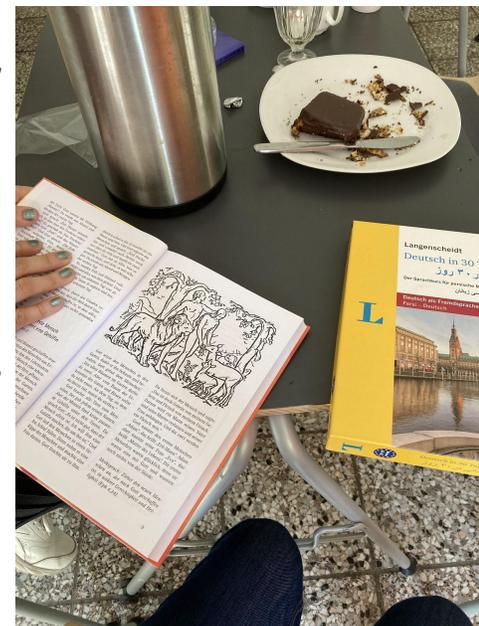
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I'd love to set up a time to talk with you!

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Covid laws were still strictly enforced here in Germany before I left for the US in March. It was nice, and kind of strange, to go into stores and be around so many people without being required to wear a mask when I was in America. However, a lot changed in Germany while I was away! When I got back, Covid restrictions were mostly lifted - no need to wear masks in church or in stores or at restaurants - masks are only required on public transportation. This also means that we can meet more often with people in our outreach center and slowly begin to bring back more of our programming that had been stalled due to Covid restrictions.



Back in Brücke for fellowship and language learning!



The steeple of our church - St. Lukaskirche - rising above the neighborhood trees

Please Pray for:

- The people of Ukraine - those who are seeking refuge from the conflict and those who must endure the fighting
- Our Persian congregation members in both Leipzig and Chemnitz - that God continues to strengthen them in their faith and that more will come to know Him

Give Thanks for:

- My safe travels to and from the States as well as safe travels while driving to presentations
- You and others who pray for and support me in serving the Lord

While I was away, more and more refugees from Ukraine came to Germany seeking refuge from the fighting. Some of our Persian friends wanted to show support to the Ukrainian refugees and organized two benefit concerts with help from Deaconess Kim and Pastor Hugo that were held at St. Lukaskirche. The concerts were held on March 18 and April 29. Both were livestreamed and can be found on our Youtube channel, Die Brücke Lutherische Kirchenmission.

When I returned from the States, I met a Ukrainian mother and her teenage daughter who have been coming to our outreach center for help navigating the German bureaucracy and we hope to reach out to even more Ukrainian refugees in the coming weeks.

Since many of you are new to this newsletter, I thought it would be nice for you to get to know me a little better so here are a few facts about me:

- ~ My hometown is Rockford, Illinois and my home church there is Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
- ~ I attended Concordia University Seward, Nebraska and majored in history and theology
- ~ One of my favorite Bible verses, which also happens to be my confirmation verse, is Joshua 1:9
- ~ My father, Ken, was a pastor before God called him home
- ~ My mother, Julie, is a church musician and former Lutheran school teacher
- ~ My older sister, Katie, is a Lutheran school teacher in Seward, Nebraska
- ~ My younger sister, Sarah, is also a Lutheran school teacher. She and her husband, Michael, just moved to the Chicago area after he received his first call as a pastor to a congregation there

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

Prayerfully consider partnering in sharing the Good News of Christ with refugees in Germany through a financial gift.

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