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Home Service 2023: Part 2



Presenting at one of numerous congregations, reconnecting with some of many long-time friends, and meeting the youngest contributor to the mission!

DID YOU KNOW?

- *Nearing the end of our first home service, we've already traveled over 7,300 miles through 15 states, with about another 1,000 miles and 3 states to go.*
- *And we've presented our report to 30 congregations with 3 more to go.*
- **Missions Unpacked 4 Kids NOW AVAILABLE!**
Download here:
<https://international.lcms.org/missions-unpacked-for-kids/>
- *Current favorite Spanish word/phrase: "un viaje muy largo" – meaning "a very long trip".*



One way to see the world – become a missionary!

Can anyone say “well, that’s been a long trip!”? Uffda! You betcha! And we’re not even quite done yet!! Sleeping in a different bed almost every night either with generous hosts or in hotels – once even in a covered wagon, and once in a farm shed! - spending countless hours on the road and presenting on our mission work more times than we can remember, is not for the faint of heart! In the words of “Old Missionary” Gary Thies of Mission Central, Mapleton, IA, someone doing that for the sake of furthering the Gospel is “not normal”!

the way, we got to see a good chunk of the good ol’ US of A too!

Young heart for missions!

Meet Angel (pictured above with her grandma, Cheryl Forke of MT). Angel had decided to donate of her own money for the mission: a dollar, quarter, dime, nickel and a penny! May we all learn from her example like the widow giving her mite, to give generously and with a glad heart! And she gives the best hugs!

Thank you!!

Everywhere we have been, we’ve been received with much love and generosity. A mere “thank you” seems not enough! Yet, thank you! From the bottom of our hearts! We look forward to seeing you again on our next home service in 2025!

And come see us on the island! We have a couple guest rooms at our house you can stay in! We’re waiting for you!



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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The education committee as we regroup after the disappointing deal failure.
- Our last home-service travels
- Safe Harbour and the last fill-in pastor during our absence in August
- “M” – that a solution for her difficult life situation is found.
- “Y” – that her grand daughters may be baptized

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Safe home-service travels thus far
- Continued Word and Sacrament ministry at Safe Harbour
- The faithful few that regularly attend divine services

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- The many congregations and individuals who support us with prayer, encouragement and with their generosity.

Reconnecting with family



Spending time with Matthias and Marie in Bozeman, MT, and with Angelika in Madison, WI.

Hugging loved ones is the best!

We love that we got to reconnect with our children! While in Belgrade, MT, and in Madison, WI, we were able to spend valuable time with our son, Matthias and his girlfriend, Marie, as well as with our oldest daughter, Angelika. Precious time – always way too short – yet priceless! So thankful!!

Car Trouble!

While driving over Beartooth Pass in southeastern Montana, we noticed a “weird smell” – never good when on a long trip! Leaking coolant! Rev. Ryan Wendt of Billings was able to pinpoint the offending parts and replace them in no time at all! Thank God for pastors

who know their cars!

Preschool Disappointment

After all the excitement of partnering with the LCEF in entering a non-binding bid to purchase a preschool on the island, the deal has regrettably fallen through in mid-July. We covet your prayers as the search continues.

Thank you, Rev Dr Schulz!

A big thank you to Rev Dr Detlev Schulz and his wife, Cornelia, for filling in at Safe Harbour for us during the month of July!

Soli Deo Gloria



“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.”. Romans 8: 38-39

*- Your partners in mission,
Gerald and Heidi Paul*



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