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He has Risen... He has risen indeed

This past month and a half have just flown by with so many ups and downs in our work here in Kandern. Here are some of the highlights.

- We started off the month of March with me (Scott) joining Stanley's small group for the BFA high school retreat. We traveled up to Mannheim where the students got to spend a few focused days together, hearing a series of messages about posturing yourself to hear God's voice, and responding like Samuel did. They also enjoyed time with their small groups, a silent disco, and time in Mannheim itself. It was a great time which included some great discussions with the students.
- Our return to short term foster care took a few more steps forward as Heather spent multiple evenings and Saturdays in Lörrach participating in the foster care preparation seminars for this region. It was really good as she never had this in Weimar and she got to meet other foster families beginning their journeys. I got to attend the last evening session with her so I was able to put faces to the names of the various families.
- With spring comes track season. I am helping out with the distance team a few days a week, and being part of these students' lives outside of the classroom is so beneficial in building trust and rapport.
- Our big shock this month was a kitchen fire. Heather had left a pot of cooking oil heating up on the stove. Fortunately, she smelled smoke before the smoke detectors and I was able to put out the fire with a fire extinguisher before it got too out of control. God protected us so much, as it was within 10 seconds of being an out of control house fire. If you would like more details, I have included a link in the email to the detailed account of the fire and the ramifications and damages. (Police, Fire, and Medical and a trip to the hospital in an ambulance) Please be sure to have a working and accessible fire extinguisher in your house.
- The kitchen fire was also on the first day of our spring/Easter break. We get two weeks off to get ready for the last stretch of the school year. Heather's Mom and Step-Dad visited us and it was a lot of fun hanging out with them, going on fun adventures, and working on some projects around the house and in the yard with them.
- For Easter, we split our time between our German church FEG, and the English church BFCF. We enjoyed the morning Good Friday at FEG, and then Heather attended the evening prayer and worship service at BFCF. On Easter morning we were at BFCF and Stuart and Samuel got to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt.





- We also began our weekly English Hauskreis (Bible Study). It is us, two other couples, an elderly lady from church, and a lady originally from Poland. It is a great group, but interesting how we are the youngest in the group.
- We also celebrated Holly's 13th birthday, Stanley's 15th birthday, and my 40th. We were so blessed by the cards and messages received. Especially to all the people who sent cards via Rainy, Cinda, and Ron.

Please be praying for us as we head into the last eight weeks of school. Given how much is going on we know they will be busy. Track, foster care, visitors, and wrapping up the school year. We want to finish the school year well, and make sure that we make time for each other too. Here are some more specifics.

1. There have been a lot of unknowns created from the fire. Please pray for the insurance to kick in to pay for the repairs. Pray for Heather as she had two crimes against her for arson and assault on me. Pray for our housing as our owner might not renew our contract summer of 2024, which means we will need to move. Fortunately and hopefully, we have a year to prepare.
2. Pray for the right staff for BFA for the 2023-24 school year. There is a high need for Resident Assistance to help out in the dorms. [Here is the official list that you can be praying over.](#)
3. Pray for students, including ours, who are feeling the stress of school and everything else to do. Pray that we will all finish well.
4. Pray for wisdom and timing with foster care. We are not rushing anything, we have not yet submitted our paperwork, and we do not have capacity yet to welcome another baby into our family. We are waiting for God's timing when we will begin.
5. This September, Heather and I have the privilege to get away for a week with Scott's Uncle and Aunt in England. Please pray that God will provide someone who can watch our kids for the week we are gone. Also for a person who can cover Scott's classes for that week. This will be a much needed break after these crazy two years we have had.
6. We have hit a new roadblock with our visa process. We still don't have visas and now it seems we are in trouble for working before we had visas. It has been frustrating how long this process has taken. Please pray that everything will be cleared up and this issue will no longer be lingering over us.



Thank you so much for your prayers and support. We are so thankful to have people like you to intercede for us and to encourage us.

Serving Him in Kandern, Germany,

Scott for Heather, Stanley, Holly, Stuart, and Samuel

