

Overby Odyssey

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Er ist Auferstanden! Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden!
He has risen! He has risen indeed!

Spring and Easter have arrived, and life has begun to ramp up around here, although it seems as if we are always moving at 1000 miles per hour. So much has happened these past 6 weeks, so let us fill you in a little about how God has been answering your prayers.

Firstly, our last foster baby was able to be reunited with his mother on Feb 23. It was a sweet moment with the mom and social worker and we were able to pray for the child and his mother. After we said goodbye, I drove Heather to the airport where she got to visit a friend in Barcelona for the weekend. It was a good getaway for Heather and reset after a very full four months with the toddler. During that same weekend, Stanley traveled with the BFA high school to their high school retreat in Switzerland. The students had an amazing time, and God is doing a good work in the hearts of many high school students.

The following Tuesday, track season began. I am leading the distance crew with some help from two new teachers at BFA. We have a small team this year, but they are a great group of students to work with. This does fill up my days, as I don't get home until 6 pm on the days with practice, and I am gone the entire Saturday whenever we have a meet.

Three weeks later it was spring break and our Service Project Teams at BFA were heading out around the world for their trips. I have not heard how the trips went, but we are trusting God that they were meaningful for the students, and helpful for the missionaries they were partnering with.

Please continue to pray for the BFA new dorm purchase and that God will provide the funds needed for this project. Also pray for the end of year events as the last 10 weeks seem to hit fast forward mode. Pray for the sport teams as we travel, music concerts and competitions, AP exams, and that students and staff will close out the year well. As always, pray that God will be working in the hearts of the students and that there will be a revival among the student body.

This past week we had some of Heather's family visiting. Ellis, Crispin, Kade, and Bentli spent three days with us in Kandern, a couple of days in Basel, and on Saturday we visited an ancient Roman city together near Basel. We had a great time with them, and Stanley and Holly had fun connecting with their cousins who are very close to their age. My personal highlight was seeing the world's biggest Cuckoo clock. It was a great story.

Stanley continues to work on his bike repair side job while staying caught up with school. He is also getting excited for his 16th birthday in just under two weeks.

Holly just celebrated her 14th birthday, and is continuing to learn what it means to be a good friend. It is hard at BFA when people come and go, and learning to be okay with friend circles changing every year. She also got to attend a retreat with a church in Basel with her friend Sophia. There were some challenges with the retreat, but Holly learned more about God knowing her name, and she enjoyed her time with Sophia.

Stuart (age 11) is our constant joyful noise maker. Whether driving in the car, watching a movie, or just around the house, he is constantly singing, talking, or making some kind of



noise. This does cause some tension when the other kids have to put up with his joyful noises. He is still doing well in the inclusion class for children with special needs at his German school.

Samuel (age 8) continues to learn and grow. He has been learning how to handle money after we started him on a small weekly allowance. He is also learning how to work with Stuart as he has passed him cognitively in almost every way. Samuel loves spending time with his many friends and really enjoys board games.

As for our house in Sandy, after being vacant since September 1, we now have a new tenant. We are so thankful for the team of people who have put in so many volunteer hours of labor to bring the house beyond where we ever had it. There is a whole back story of our new tenant and how God has provided this home for them at just the right time. Please pray that it is a blessing to the family and part of their spiritual journey with Jesus.

Finally, please be praying for us as we prepare to travel to the USA this summer! We bought our plane tickets so we have a clearer itinerary and idea of our needs during this first trip since moving to Kandern almost two years ago.

July 2nd: Leave Germany for Orlando, Florida to visit family.

July 6th: Leave Orlando for Portland. We will stay with my parents for two nights.

July 8th: Travel to Bend to visit Heather's parents.

July 11th: Return to Gresham/Sandy area.(We need a place to stay)

July 30th: Drive up to Bellingham, Washington for Overby Cousin Camp.

August 2nd: Return to Gresham area.

August 4th: Leave Portland and return to Germany.

Here are our major needs.

1. We need a car to use from July 6th until August 4th. As you can see we will be driving to Bend and to Bellingham. If you have or know of a family van that we can use for that time period, please let us know.
2. We need a place to stay from July 11th until July 30th. And another (or the same) place from August 2nd until August 4th. Again, if you have a place or know of a place please let us know.
3. Please pray for places and arrangements for our pets while we are gone as well. We might have a family who can watch our golden retriever Jake, but nothing is set yet.

Thank you for your continued prayer and support. We hope to be able to connect with many of you during our time in the USA this summer.

Serving Him in Kandern, Germany

Scott for Heather, Stanley, Holly, Stuart and Samuel



Date night in Switzerland

2024 BFA High School Retreat



Augusta Raurica with the family



Stuart out on a Geocaching hike



Our precious 14 yr old



World's Largest Cuckoo Clock (no electronic parts)



Our first outside dinner of the year.



Complete with s'mores.



Course planning for High School!



Spring market with a friend



No outing is complete without ice cream.



Samuel's reward for getting a haircut



Heather's Barcelona Trip

