

# Overby Odyssey

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Hello from Heather!

Normally, Scott is the one who writes our ministry updates, but he's in the middle of one of his busiest seasons of the year. Track season is in full swing, and he's really enjoying his role as the head distance coach. This year, there are 45 athletes on the track team, with 16 in the distance crew. A few weeks ago, we had all of them over to our home after practice for iced tea lemonade and ice cream bars. Stuart and Samuel helped me host, joyfully setting up a lemonade stand in the front yard. It was a sweet moment of hospitality, and the weather couldn't have been better!



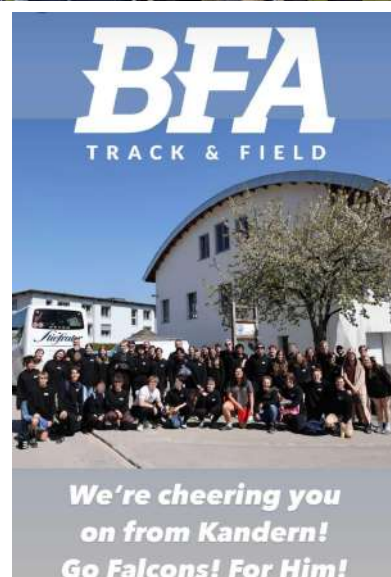
Spring has been lovely—an ideal mix of rainy and sunny days—and we're so grateful for the ministry God has called us to here. Scott has also found a great rhythm in his teaching at BFA, where he teaches Physical Science, Math Core 1, and Math Core 2. Next year, he will transition to teach only Algebra 2.

In our last update, we mentioned several big events on the horizon. Now, we're excited to share how they went and to thank you for your prayers. We felt them!

## The German 3 Field Trip to Weimar

Scott and I had the joy of leading the German 3 field trip to Weimar—the beautiful city in eastern Germany where we lived for ten years before moving to Kandern. The trip was a huge success! All of our travel connections went smoothly, and the students were engaged and eager to learn. We enjoyed meaningful conversations, educational walking tours, museums, and even a traditional Thuringian dinner with our former pastor and his wife, giving the students a chance to practice their German.

One senior shared that, after traveling with BFA to Rome, Budapest, Paris, Normandy, and more, this Weimar trip was his favorite—largely because some of the students stayed in host homes. The chance to immerse themselves in daily German life made a lasting impact.



## Stanley's Spring Break in Malta

Stanley spent spring break on a service trip to Malta, and it was a deeply formative experience. He served tirelessly—cleaning a church, running day camps, helping with outreach, and worshipping alongside local believers. It was encouraging to see him grow in confidence and compassion. Thank you to those who gave financially to make his trip possible, and to everyone who supports our ministry—you made it possible for us to help support him.



## Holly's Musical Experience in Budapest

Holly participated in the Honors Music Festival in Budapest and came home inspired. She grew significantly as a singer and musician and enjoyed bonding more deeply with the other girls on the trip. It was a meaningful and enriching experience for her.

## A New Little One in Our Home

The biggest personal update I have to share is that, on the afternoon of March 11th, we got a call about a newborn baby boy who needed a family right away. I spent the following day with him in the hospital and brought him home on March 13th. He was 2 days old when I brought him home.



From the start, he has been a joy—our easiest foster baby yet. He is calm, content, and connects so easily. He only cries when he needs something, and he settles quickly once that need is met. He is our 10th foster baby, and I have bonded with him more deeply than with any before. Every moment with him has been a gift.

Soon, he will be introduced to a potential adoptive couple. If it's the Lord's will, he will transition to their home in the coming weeks. This transition will be very emotional for me—but I am trusting God to lead and provide grace.



## Birthday Season in the Overby House

It's birthday season around here, and we've had a lot to celebrate! Holly turned 15 on March 26th, Stanley turned 17 on April 12th, and Scott followed just two days later with his birthday on April 14th. I (Heather) will round it out soon with mine on May 15th. It's been a fun stretch of cakes, candles, and reflecting on God's goodness in each of our lives. We're grateful for another year with these precious ones and all the growth and memories that come with it!

## Season of Goodbyes

As the school year winds down, we enter a season of major transitions. Graduation is around the corner, and students will be scattering to all corners of the world. Many families will return to the U.S. or other places for HMA (Home Ministry Assignment). Samuel (age 9) is already anticipating the goodbyes of some close friends.

In this missionary community, we often speak of the “RAFT” acronym when preparing for transitions: Reconciliation, Affirmation, Farewell well, Think ahead

Please pray for God’s grace over every student, parent, and staff member walking through transition. We pray for strong relationships, healing in areas of conflict, and peace for every heart.



## New Contact Info

Please note: our Skype number is no longer active. We can now best be reached through email, Google Chat, Zoom, or WhatsApp.

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If you want to be part of our WhatsApp prayer group, please send us a message via WhatsApp so we can add you to the group.



Thank you again for your continued prayer and financial support. Your partnership makes our ministry possible, and we are so grateful.

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With love and gratitude,  
Heather (for the whole Overby family)

