

Overby Odyssey

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Hello Friends and Family,

At BFA we call this season the “Ahh”... and then after spring break comes the “choo!” Right now, everything is building toward a rapid acceleration to the end of the school year. The first semester wrapped up at the end of January, and we’re already three weeks into the second. Basketball championships just finished (boys took 2nd and girls 4th!), and track season begins in six days.



Life, as usual, feels like it’s moving in a thousand different directions.

We currently have a foster baby, Lio. He was born six weeks premature and came into our home at just 12 days old on December 30. He has now been with us almost seven weeks. We are so grateful for the opportunity to love and care for him, and the kids absolutely adore him (except when he’s crying!). Heather and I are pretty tired—nights are long, and we’re up often—but we are thankful.



We don’t know what Lio’s future holds. Reunification with his mom seems unlikely, and we are praying that God would provide a loving, stable home for him. Please pray for strength and endurance for us as we care for him and our kids well. Pray especially for Heather, as the legal appointments and meetings can be difficult and time-consuming.



Stanley (17) is staying busy with the worship teams at BFA and Black Forest Christian Fellowship. He’s also enjoying time with his girlfriend. At the same time, the looming reality of finishing high school and stepping into the “real world” feels overwhelming for him. We’re excited to see where God leads him next.

His current plan is to spend a year in Oregon working while doing an unpaid internship at Good Shepherd. One of our biggest prayer requests right now is for the many details to come together. He’ll initially rent an Airbnb from my parents, but he needs a car and a job. If you know of something suitable for a responsible 18-year-old who needs free weekends, please let us know.



Holly (15) continues to be very studious and stays busy with Bible studies and babysitting, while still making time for friends. She recently had a music recital where she sang “Home” from the Broadway version of Beauty and the Beast, and everyone was captivated. Afterward, Heather and I as well as the head of the music department encouraged her to audition for the fall musical. It would unfortunately conflict with cross-country, but God has truly blessed her with an incredible voice, and it would be a shame not to use that gift for His glory.





This Saturday she leaves for her French 3 field trip to Paris, and at the end of March she heads to Romania for her Service Project Trip. Thank you to those who have given toward that trip—we truly appreciate your generosity. If anybody else feels led to contribute toward that we would be very grateful.

Stuart (13) is growing like crazy and has officially surpassed Heather in height! He loves his German school, being with friends, and just being around people. We're excited to see how God will use this special young man to bring joy to others.



Samuel (10) is nearing the end of fourth grade and will start at BFA in the fall. He is learning what it means to be a leader and to do the right thing, even when others are not. He's already grieving the thought of Stanley leaving home but is soaking up as much time with his big brother as possible. He recently returned from a two-night class field trip where they had to walk three miles uphill in the rain, snow and ice to their hostel—but he had a great attitude, and many fun memories were made.

At BFA we are approaching our 70th anniversary celebration during the first weekend of May. It has been incredible to see how God continues to provide as two new dorms prepare to open this fall. Since our last email, another \$700,000 has come in, bringing the project to 86% funded. What an amazing testimony to God's faithfulness! If you would like to help us cross the finish line, you can give at: bfacademy.de/give



Please also be praying for several major events coming up at BFA:

- Language 3 Trips: French and German (Holly to France): Feb 20–22
- High School Retreat: Feb 27–Mar 1 (This was Stanley's turning point in 2024. It's always a powerful time for students to turn—or return—to Jesus.)
- Track and Soccer Seasons begin Feb 23 (Sports are fun, but they're also meaningful discipleship opportunities.)
- Service Project Trips: March 27–April 4
- 70th Anniversary Celebration: April 27–May 2
- Stanley's Graduation: June 12



Answered Prayers from our last update:

- Passport renewals were successful!
- We purchased our plane tickets for this summer. We'll arrive in Oregon on July 4 and return to Germany on August 6.
- Housing is secured for our entire stay! We'll be in one of Good Shepherd Community Church's missionary homes—our first time staying in one, and we're excited.
- Stanley has initial housing with my parents. Once he settles in, he'll decide whether that will be short-term or long-term.

Current Prayer Requests and Needs:

- For Lio and his future home.
- For meaningful connection during these busy spring months of work, family life, track season, and graduation prep.
- Visa renewals—we are considering applying for permanent residency.
- A van for our time in Oregon (July 2026).
- A car and employment for Stanley (beginning August 2026).
- Wisdom as we explore the possibility of buying a house in Kandern. If this is God's will, pray that the right house at the right price would become available.
- Guidance and provision regarding our 2007 van, which is nearing the end of its life.
- Continued funding for the BFA Dorm Project – bfacademy.de/give
- New staff members for BFA – bfacademy.openapply.com



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If you'd like to join our WhatsApp prayer group, send us a message and we'll add you.



As always, thank you for your continued support. We truly couldn't do this without your prayers and financial partnership. We're stepping into a meaningful season—wrapping up our final year with Stanley at home while preparing for new adventures ahead—and we're grateful to walk it with you. Please let us know how we can be praying for you as well.

Serving Him in Germany and supporting missions around the world,
Scott (for Heather, Stanley, Holly, Stuart, and Samuel)

