



Regensburg, Bavaria Germany

This Summer went by quickly. We enjoyed family time riding the Sommerodelbahn, an eagle show, corn maze among other things with the highlight being a trip to Omaha Beach and other WWII sights with Kim's parents. (Her grandfather survived the first wave attack.) IT WAS UNFORGETTABLE! Fall is now here, and we are settling back into our normal routine. Virginia starts second grade, piano, and ballet.



New Building:

A lot has happened in the last few weeks. After waiting for months to get permission for a zoning change, we finally started renovations in the new church building. The church men demolished three walls and removed the entire floor on one Saturday. We just purchased new tiles for the floor to be laid within the week. Next comes new walls, lighting, painting, and several other changes. The last few weeks I have felt less like a pastor and more like a contractor.

We want to thank all those who gave to help us afford this new place. On top of a high commission for the real estate agent, we have to pay rent in our current place until the end of the year as well as the new place. However, the cost of moving to the new building was almost completely covered by offerings from several churches. It reminds me of the New Testament churches, who helped each other as needs arose.

Our goal is to celebrate our first service in the new space on October 29. We will be passing out about 1,000 fliers between then and now and hope that many guests will come and see what God is doing in our town.

Book Table:

On Saturday, September 23, we will be setting up a table in front of a furniture store. We plan to pass out tracts and fliers and hope to have the chance to speak with people about Christ and the difference between the Bible and modern religion. Thankfully, many in our church are excited about this ministry and have volunteered to help.

Fellowship in the Church:

The whole of Bavaria enjoys a six week break in the summer during which many people take a 2-3 week vacation. The Radanks also enjoyed a stateside visit this summer. As a result church attendance tends to be much lower. We encouraged faithfulness and fellowship by hosting several church families for dinner and games- a scheduling miracle. It was a great time to get to know our church people better.

BBQ Fest:

In June we held our biggest outreach event of the year - our second BBQ Fest. **An estimated 200 people attended.** It was amazing, good food, games, and weather all helped bring people in. We preached the Gospel, sang, introduced our ministries and made several new contacts. Several players from my basketball team also came. Praise the Lord for a BBQ ministry.

In Christ,

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