

Hello Everyone,

It took us a grueling 24 hours to travel back to Berlin from Knoxville! Afterwards, I was wiped out, especially since I have been fighting the flu, but I'm so thankful we were able to spend Christmas with our family. I've added a photo below from Christmas Day when our whole family was together. Unfortunately, our daughter-in-law, Glenai wasn't in it because she was the one who took this amazing picture! On Christmas we welcomed another little one into the fold. Jericho is a 3 month old boy and a full brother to two of Chante and Matt's daughters. It was such a blessing to spend time with everyone and not have to be alone for the holidays in a different country. God has blessed us more than we could ever have imagined! When our children were little I prayed every night they would become Christians and have many children who would know the Lord. I didn't realize at the time how powerful that prayer would be!



Our return is always bittersweet as we miss the chaos of being with our large family, yet excited to embark on this year's adventures. This year will be challenging for us since we have to move somewhere by October. The US has an agreement with Germany and other European countries that requires us to be out of the country for a year. If we were to stay, we will lose our social security (if there is still money to fund it).

So the question arises....where will we move to next? We are praying and ask you to pray along with us. Since we want to follow God's leading we are asking him to make it clear where he wants us to go. Right now I don't feel like I have another move in me but I know God will give me the grace and energy when the time comes to move. Of course our ministry won't change, but it's difficult to pull up roots again and start over in a new country. Even though moving to Berlin wasn't easy we've grown to enjoy it here. We will miss our friends at church, the ease to the airports and train stations, and the apartment we've called home for almost five years. We are considering two cities at this time, Budapest and Warsaw. Both have pluses and minuses but there might be a different option that God has in mind. So please pray!

In November, 80 European leaders gathered to plan out the next 5 years. The Europeans surprised us when they said they felt God calling them to plant 400 more churches in the major cities of Europe over the next 5 years. This was a turning point since we have been planting about 20 a year. Secular Europe is some of the hardest ground we have ever encountered, including the Muslim Central Asian countries we worked in for 12 years. Our desire is to facilitate 3 training centers, one each in Moscow, Warsaw and Kiev to help fulfill this vision. These 3 cities have a vision for 10 new churches in each over the next 5 years. Please pray for wisdom, knowledge and understanding of God's will as we embark on this new year. Your prayers and financial support are greatly appreciated as you partner with us to see God's kingdom expand in a very secular part of the world where cities are growing with people from all over the globe.

Thank you so much for your prayers! May God you be blessed this year as you follow the Lord in the places he has put you to minister.

Your sister in Christ,