



# The Murdock Family

Nov-Dec  
2024

## Church Planting Missionaries to Germany

**Psalm 71:8 Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honour all the day**

We hope you all had a wonderful end to 2024 and a purposeful beginning to this New Year. The last two months of the year were filled with several special occasions for us. In November, our eldest son, Logan, had a school assignment to write a paper on the topic of his choice. He chose the topic of salvation. After much study, he told Brandon that he wanted to turn his research into a sermon. Though he was nervous, the Lord helped him preach for the first time. The sermon was a sweet blessing. Seeing him follow God's leading was a joy, even though it was outside his comfort zone. What a joy to see our children be willing to do uncomfortable things in order to obey the Lord.

In December, God allowed our friends, missionaries in Africa, to visit. We have been blessed to have them stay with us several times, and our visits continue to grow sweeter! Our time with them has always been encouraging, but having them with us during the Christmas season was even more special. It was like having family join us for the holidays. While they were here, we had an opportunity to do something that we had never been able to do before. After 19 years of marriage, Brandon and I spent a night away without our children! We have always taken time to date and have special time together but have never been able to get away alone. We drove an hour and a half to the Netherlands to attend our first Christmas Orchestra. We had such an amazing time together! While we were away, our friends and children took up the task of baking nearly a hundred cookies. They had a blast baking and spending time together. All of the cookies were for our church's first cookie fellowship! Our church family enjoyed "American cookies" and homemade apple cider after our evening Sunday service.

For New Year's Eve, we opened our home to our church family. We had a meal, Bible study, prayer, and played board games together. The fellowship was so fun that everyone asked if we could do it again more frequently. It has been wonderful making memories and starting new traditions with our church.

Brandon was recently contacted by a man living right outside Germany, about 40 minutes from our church. He and his wife are looking for a church home. This man said there are no doctrinally sound, conservative churches near him. He and his family are planning to visit our church soon. There is such a need in Europe for like-minded churches! Please help us pray for wisdom in reaching souls and encouraging the Lord's remnant here. Also, pray for the numerous contacts that we have had this past year.

We want to say a special thank you to those of you who gave monetary gifts to our family for Christmas. One of the things we were able to do with the money was our trip. A few other things we were able to purchase were books for our children from the Lamplighter books, a microwave for our home, and the ability to host special Christmas and New Year's gatherings. Thank you for your kindness!

1. The Lord will help us learn German
2. Laborers to help in our church plant
3. Souls to be saved

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