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The Murdock Family

Church Planting Missionaries to Germany

Psalm 28:7 The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth;

Praise the Lord for a strong end to our 2025 year! It is incredible how many valleys and mountaintops one can face in a year. God has proved Himself to be our shield and strong tower, as well as our comforter and good Shepherd. While some of these times were obvious trials, others we believe were distractions from God's will for our lives. We read a very fitting quote, "Taking the easy path is what makes rivers and men crooked." We praise Him for all that He has done in both of those types of circumstances to keep our way straight.

Some of you may remember Tabitha having severe health problems after we arrived in Germany. It lasted a year and a half before God directed her to have a major surgery. Since then, God has restored her health immensely. This has brought a ripple effect in our home. Tabitha set a goal to run a 5K race before her "big" birthday. Along with two of our children, we trained, and though it seemed a very slow process at first, we grew in strength and endurance and even lost weight. Praise the Lord, He allowed us to reach the goal as a family. We completed our first 5K race the day before her birthday.

Though this "race" isn't quite finished, we praise the Lord for Reese completing her first full load of college classes online and passing all of her final exams in November. This coming Fall, we will be traveling back to America for our first furlough. Before returning to Germany, we will get her settled into her dorm and into a new chapter of her life. Please help us pray for all of the details of our trip and her transition.

Last month, Tabitha's brother Nathaniel and his family visited us for a month. While they were here, he preached at our church one Sunday, and they helped us assemble gift bags to hand out at the University in Trier. We are planning an outreach day once students return to campus from their holiday break. Please pray for those who will receive the gift bags with the Gospel and other small gifts from our church.

We love the holidays and having special services with our church family. We had a Finger-food fellowship and a Christmas cookie fellowship, along with an Ugly Christmas sweater competition. A group of ladies from the Netherlands, whom we met at camp this past year, came to visit us and joined in the fun. Praise God for friends who encourage us!

This coming year, we are trusting God to provide a permanent meeting area for our church. We have been renting a room in an event center. While we are grateful to have a place to meet, many frustrations and distractions come with it. The owner of the building told us that there are several days this year he is giving our room to a bigger event. We currently have no other options for a meeting area. We have been searching and praying for over a year for our own area. Please help us pray for patience as we wait on the Lord's perfect time and provision for our church family.

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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