

Dear faithful ministry friends,

"It's so surprising to have a cashier in a German Aldi speak English with us before we even say anything!" "How do they even know that we are Americans? Do Americans have a special look? Do we smell differently? Is it our white tennis shoes?"

This is a typical conversation Jill and I have had a few times since we have moved to the ministry in Landstuhl. It is very different to be around the American military. Their presence is overpowering although they try to keep a low profile. Just within our little village of Knopp, we know of at least three military families and a couple of single soldiers that live in Knopp.

However, our focus is on our dear German people, and there are many more of them than there are US soldiers. We have begun making friends with our German neighbors Helge & Annette and Johann & Valentina. Pray especially for an open door to speak with Helge and Annette. Pray for our landlord Stefan Mayer. He is a wonderful landlord and has become a good acquaintance. We have coffee together every so often.

Jill & I and Andrew & Ramona are slowly working out our roles of ministry together. It is an adjustment for each of us, having worked alone for so long. However, the value of a ministry team has already been validated in our labors together here at the Freie Baptisten Gemeinde Landstuhl. It is without a doubt God's will, and I believe He is pleased with what He is seeing as we follow His directions.

Because we are able to share the load and bring in another pair of eyes, our services have become meatier with much substance for growth and encouragement. Health for all four of us has taken a turn for the better because we are dividing the load. More and varied ministry is now available to us because we are working together as a team, and, God is blessing. **Sunday, we had twenty people in the service, and not all members were able to be present!**

Two can canvass more than one. Jill and I will be going out every other week together to canvass the villages that are tucked away in our valleys or spread out on our mountain tops.

Projects that have waited for years to be done are now being ticked off the list one after the other. We are mostly finished with renovating our Bible study room. Winnie the Pooh is gone and buried! The room had been decorated for children's ministry, but they are now older and in the services.

It is beautiful to see what God has done in bringing this team together. Please pray for harmony amongst us. Harmony is made of two different notes that support each other and sound beautiful together. This is our desire - to support each other and work together in a beautiful harmony that praises our Saviour through our various gifts and abilities. As the unsaved see this, may they see the love of Christ, the power of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit in us and desire to have that for themselves.

Thank you for praying for us. Thank you for supporting us throughout these many years of "hoeing in God's harvest fields".

We're not done yet! :)

We love you and thank God for you!

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