



Dear Friends,

The snow is still falling here in Germany, but thankfully shoveling work has been light. Warmer temperatures have kept the snow from sticking and Stacy says that's the most beautiful kind of snow.

Everyone in the Byers household currently enjoys good health, a welcomed improvement over last winter. The Lord's provision has been abundant, on time, and miraculous. Although we received word of yet another church struggling with financial problems and thus lowering our support; our income was up this month. A few people sent one time offerings which greatly blessed our family; and one such offering came from a company with Christian owners. People we don't even know, send a check for several thousand dollars. As you know from our last letter; this was greatly needed.

As a result of the extra gifts, we have sufficient to maintain on the field for about 4 months at our current support level. We plan to use some of this money to get a family photo, new prayer cards, and create a ministry update DVD presentation. These things are needed to update our churches and help raise our support to an adequate level.

Please keep us in mind as you plan your mission conferences, services, and regular missionary meetings. Many of our supporting churches have been thrilled with the excitement of a live update from Germany. Video and conference calls have proven a successful and cost effective way to report in with our supporting churches while presenting a challenge to continue preaching the gospel

around the world. If you're thinking your church doesn't have the kind of technology needed for such a call; you just may be surprised at how easily a conference call can be setup. Please contact me if you are interested in giving this a test run and I will walk you through it.

I am currently enrolled in a 6 month German language class. The course will cost about \$850.00 which is a super deal! I attend school 5 hours per day, and the teachers seem to think I will be able to speak German fluently when the course is complete. Pray the Lord gives me good contacts and opportunities to share the gospel though the class. Please pray the Lord will help me learn this language. Those who know me well know that I am "a bear of very little brain" so I need extra prayer.

Christmas cards and gifts started trickling in after the holidays were over. I think they were delayed by customs. We appreciate the letters, cards, gifts, and Stacy wanted me to mention the chocolate twice. Thanks for the chocolate! We are playing a lot of checkers as one church hand made a checker board out of cloth with large checkers. How did they know our kids eat the ones made out of cardboard? What a great idea!

Please pray for our support to increase, more souls to be won, a building to rent, and our folks to be more faithful. Two weeks ago we had 19 in church, the following week, only 9. Pray for our people to learn commitment! Pray for our neighbors to see Christ in us. Pray for the new baby on the way. The ultrasound showed BOY number 6! Bella took it well. Your prayers are keeping us here!

-The Byers Family-

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