



August – September 2017

On August 31, we drove to Miami where we boarded a flight to Oslo, Norway. We had a short layover and boarded another flight to Munich. From Munich, we rented a car and drove to Garmisch, Germany to stay the night. Our missionary friend Jim Sloan was arriving in Munich the next day. We picked him up at the airport and we drove together to Linz, Austria. We spent ten days in Linz with a Romanian Baptist Church that has a burden to reach the deaf in Austria with the gospel. While we were there, we spent time teaching Austrian Sign Language, which is similar to German Sign Language to some of the church members. John presented our ministry in their church and preached one of the Sunday mornings. We had beautiful accommodations in the home of Anca and Radu Deac. I don't think we have ever been anywhere more hospital and we were very well fed the entire time we were there. We made fast friends with many of the Romanian people in Linz and it was a teary goodbye when we left. At the last church service one of the deacons (they are looking for a pastor) asked if we would make time to return and go with him to Romania to help the deaf church in his hometown. It is an exciting invitation!



From Linz we returned to Garmisch and John filled in for Pastor Ryan Johnson while he was away preaching in Italy. Then we drove through the Black Forrest up to Landstuhl to Rheinland Baptist Church. They have been such a blessing to us in years gone by and are still a blessing now. Pastor Woody saved us thousands of dollars by letting us have free use of the church missions apartment for our entire stay in Germany. In addition we had full access to their church kitchen and Anna has had a classroom where she can teach the kids on the days we were not travelling. It was good to fellowship with the people of Rheinland and to see all that God has done in this ministry. John will preach the introductory message for their missions conference next Sunday Night.

We have had meetings with Frei Baptisten Gemeinde in Mainz, Heritage Baptist Church in Mehlingen, High Point Baptist Church in Vilseck, Frei Baptisten Gemeinde in Bassenheim, Hohenfels Baptist Church in Hohenfels, Frei Baptisten Gemeinde in Neutraubling, Rhein River Baptist Church in Mannheim, and Frei Baptisten Gemeinde in Landstuhl. We are grateful for the many meals and love offerings that were provided to us. God has certainly meet many of our needs through the generosity of his people.

It was very special for us to visit Hohenfels Baptist Church and reunite with John and Rose Radank. They allowed our family to live with them five months back when we were missionaries in Germany. They are still using the pulpit John gave them when we left Germany. It was a blessing for John to preach from his old pulpit. Their son Bob and his family are missionaries about an hour away and John presented his work in their Wednesday night Bible Study. They are still using the chairs we purchased for our church years ago. Sometimes it is good to know that things you did long ago are a blessing to someone.



Our trip to Liberia has been postponed due to circumstances beyond our control but we have another opportunity we are praying about. Two years ago, Missionary Robert Gunter told us about a ministry he is praying about in the Solomon Islands. Robert has located an island where many women were treated for disease with quinine. As a result there is a population of about three thousand deaf on one of the islands. Robert has been praying about how to get the gospel to that island. When we first heard about it, we just wanted to drop everything and move to the Island but Robert said there are government controls and it must be handled properly. Robert has been working to make inroads into that island. Yesterday, we received an invitation from Robert to go help him in the Solomon Islands this January. We can only go if God provides the funds. We will need somewhere in the neighborhood of \$10,000 to go. Please designate Solomon Islands on any support sent for the trip.

We thank you for your prayers and support.

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