



# Patrick & Sheila Wolfe

## Missionaries to the U.S. Military

March - April 2020

Dear Pastor and praying friends,

When we wrote our last prayer letter there were so many things we had planned, but God had other things in mind. In February, we were able to celebrate our 24<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in a place we fell in love with when we were stationed here in the Army before; beautiful Rothenburg. We took a couple of days to get away, celebrate our time together, and relax for there were busy months ahead of us. While there, talk of the virus grew and we saw many tourists wearing facemasks. As things began to spread and restrictions were set in place, we continued to talk about it as a church and as a family and plan for the future. Unfortunately, those plans fell through and March 15<sup>th</sup> was the last time we were allowed to meet together physically as a church. We started our new way of doing church and instead of seeing our dear people face to face, we now share the word of the Lord and love through a camera lens as I know many of you are doing as well.

This Pandemic is hard on any church, but as a military/international church we are truly feeling the effects. We had a couple of families set to PCS in the next couple of months that have had their orders put on hold. The extra time the Lord has created for us to be together is great, but it is extremely restricted. We text and message, we do online services and fellowships, and we try to find additional ways to stay connected to our people but there is nothing that can replace getting together physically to worship our Father. Easter, our regular services, our prayer meetings and our ladies meetings are different, but one thing remains the same. God loves us, He sent His son to die for us, and He is Risen. During this time of uncertainty and anxiety, please pray as we try to offer hope by pointing people to the Cross and the one who has it all under control.

We are entering a phased opening of many places here in Germany. Unfortunately, religious services are seen as high risk and so they are heavily regulated. One rule we are seeing in many places requires 10 square meters per person. With that rule, we can only hold 3 people in our auditorium. However, the military is taking a stricter approach and off base churches are still off limits. On base Chapel services are extremely limited and they are planning a fully virtual VBS in June. We believe this means it will be late June or July before the military relaxes its rules. We ask you to pray that God intervenes and we are allowed to come together again sooner rather than later. We continue to reach into the community virtually and personally but we need to have the liberty to come together physically again.

Thank you and God Bless.

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Luke 12:48

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