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Dear Pastor and praying friends,

The past couple of months have been a whirlwind of activity, transition, and change, but God has been in it all. When COVID hit we had to change our approach to ministering to our community because of restrictions from the German government and also the US Military. We've gotten a great response to Facebook live that we use for our Sunday services, Wednesday prayer meeting, Thursday ladies Bible Study, and then Patrick started adding in a mini Friday devotional called Thank God Friday. We have been blessed to see people participating during these uncertain times both from our regular members as well as some who might never have participated in Church in person. Praise the Lord we were finally able to meet back together in June and it was such a blessing to be with our people face to face again.

The last few months have been filled with ups and downs, as we said goodbye to every America family in the church. We have said many times, that the hardest part of military missions is all of the goodbyes that come along with it. Sometimes there are a lot of those at the same time and you're flooded with the emotions of seeing yet another family leave to start another adventure in life. The joyous thing is whether they are here for a few months or several years they make an impression on our heart and life that we will always be thankful and grateful for. As goodbyes are said, so are the hellos of welcoming new people in our community. We have had one new family join the church and we have two more prospective families that we are meeting with to answer questions and just be a help to as they navigate settling into a new place. We also have a family that has been coming for the last month because their church is still not having services and they are fitting in nicely. They are a huge blessing, faithful and very active in all we do. The field here is still ripe unto harvest.

Through the blessed times of ministry, there are also times that hit you hard and hit you to the core. We had one of those moments the end of June when we received word that one of our closest family friends and missionary family lost their son tragically. Alana felt the loss tremendously because the two of them grew up together and he was her best friend. They were always together, either in our home or his, until we both went to separate mission fields. A rushed and "COVID restrictions" complicated trip to the US for the funeral led to two weeks of quarantine and additional separation upon return. But God brought us through it. Though it was a difficult time and we are still grieving, we know he is with the Lord and we have the promise of seeing him again one day. Please continue to pray for the family and those that were affected by this young man's life and tragic home going.

Through all the ups and downs of ministry, we see Gods goodness and grace through it all. Without Him we would be nothing; wandering around hopeless. We are thankful for a Father we can lean on in all seasons of life. Please pray as we continue to add back more in person services and different ways to minister to those around us. We are excited to watch God work as we continue to shed His light in our community.

Your Missionaries to the American Military in Germany

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