

THE BROWNS

CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES IN GERMANY AND LIECHTENSTEIN

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Greetings from the Deep-Freeze

As this first month of the year unfolds, winter has finally caught up to us. Normally, our weather closely mirrors that of Daniel's home state of Michigan, but this year has been a bit different. Until just a few days ago, we enjoyed a fairly mild winter. This week, however, brought plenty of snow—and according to the weather map, more is on the way. The kids are happy, the dog is happy, and we (Daniel and Deana) are simply happy to be here.

While winter isn't necessarily our favorite season, we have so much to be grateful for. Over the fall and early winter months, the Lord has given us many opportunities to serve Him and share the good news of Jesus Christ with others. With all the seed-sowing that has taken place over the past several months—and even years—we look forward to the day when the harvest comes in with full force. That outcome, however, is ultimately in the Lord's hands. Our calling is clear: to glorify our Savior by making Him known. That is what we plan to do until the day He calls us home to Heaven.

Thank you for the privilege of serving Jesus Christ on your behalf. We consider it both a great honor and a serious responsibility. As you read the articles below, we pray you are encouraged to see what your faithful prayers and support are making possible.

“A Taste of Thanksgiving”

While we have often used the American holiday of Thanksgiving as an opportunity to invite people into our home, and share the gospel with them, we had yet to make it into a church event. This past Thanksgiving, however, we decided to expand our horizons...and the size of our Thanksgiving turkey by opening our celebration up to the church family and their friends. It turned out wonderfully!

Of the over 40 guests, most of them were non-believers. So, in addition to having the Thanksgiving-Day football game and parade playing throughout the evening, we also planned a special program that included a clear gospel presentation. Kaylee led a Thanksgiving Trivia game, and Daniel shared the history of the holiday, and then challenged the guests from Psalm 100 to consider the Lord Jesus Christ as the ultimate reason for being thankful.

The Christmas Project

"The Christmas Project" is a ministry of the Freie Baptistengemeinde in Oberpfraundorf, Germany. Each year, their church members wrap and fill shoe boxes with gifts for Roma children in Romania. These gifts are then transported to the Pricop family (missionaries in Romania), and distributed to the kids. While distributing the gifts, they also preach the gospel to the children and their families. This past Christmas, our church was invited to participate in the project. It was a blessing to see the church family jump in eagerly to help out. All together, we were able to send 20 boxes along with the trailer full of gifts that had been gathered from different churches in the area.

Traudel and Georg

Traudel and her husband Georg live just around the corner from our house, right next to the walkway that leads to the school, the soccer fields, and the gymnasium where Daniel's youth basketball team practices. Over the past ten years, there's no telling how many hundreds of times we've walked past their little cottage, often finding them working in their beautiful garden.

Over the years, Deana has frequently stopped to chat with Traudel over the fence—sometimes trading tips on growing herbs and vegetables, other times simply sharing about life, family, and their children and grandchildren. These ordinary conversations have slowly grown into something more.

Over the past year, Traudel has begun opening the door to spiritual conversations, asking Deana to explain what she believes about Jesus and the gospel. Most recently, during one of those conversations, she accepted Deana's invitation for her and Georg to come to our home for coffee to hear more. We are very much looking forward to this time together in the coming weeks.

Please pray for Traudel and Georg—that God would open their hearts to receive the gospel as we share it with them, and that He would give us wisdom, clarity, and love in our conversations.

20 Years of Marriage

We can hardly believe it, but on December 10th, we celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary. In these years, God has given us three amazing children, a ministry, and a host of blessings we couldn't even begin to count. We are so very grateful for the Lord's grace in our lives, and our looking expectantly to see even more great things from His hand in the next 20 years. Thank you to all who sent gifts and cards for our anniversary.

Sermon Series & Bible Studies

Starting in February, the Leutkirch church will begin a year-long expository sermon series through the gospel record of John. We are looking forward to spending our time giving our full focus on the Lord Jesus Christ; Yahweh who became flesh.

On Wednesdays, Daniel and Michael plan to continue their parallel Bible studies. Daniel is teaching a series called, "The Conscience: What It Is, How to Train It, and Loving Those Who Differ", and Michael is teaching "Soteriology: The Doctrine of Salvation."

Thank You!

As we look back on the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, we are amazed at how generous our family of supporters is. Once again, you made our family feel like part of yours. You filled our window frames with Christmas cards, and gave us special Christmas love offerings. Each gift was a reminder to us of the place you have give us in your hearts. Thank you for taking the time and the effort to bless us like this. We give God the glory for how He has used you to encourage us.