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Veteran Missionaries to the US Military

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Dear Co-laborers in Christ,

We are grateful for your continued prayers and support in these times of unrest in our own country and around the world. Travel restrictions are lifting slowly as we await our return to Germany.

CORONAVIRUS

The pandemic has affected every area of life in 2020. Church meetings in Germany were not allowed until just recently. However, it is very difficult to meet the requirements that have been set. Currently, churches can meet as long as the 5-foot social distancing requirement is met. Families must sit together and fellowship with other members before or after the service is not allowed. Children's ministries (nursery; children's church) cannot meet. No hymnals and no congregational singing can take place. Face masks are required entering and exiting the building. Once seated, the masks may be removed. Sanitation of all areas is required before and after church services. We are hopeful that some of these restrictions will be lessened soon.

MINISTRY

We have been hosting regular Sunday services, Sunday School and Wednesday Bible studies during this time. Using 'Zoom' has allowed us to minister to our people and provides a way for our church family to see each other and stay connected. As an added blessing, we have enjoyed the presence of those from previous ministries joining with us. This has encouraged our people and has provided a way of getting the message out to new people as well thus expanding our area of influence. It is true that God can work in any setting and every situation.

RETURN

The travel ban to Germany for tourists was recently extended until August 31st. American Airlines began resuming flights to Frankfurt this past week for those who are citizens or have residence visas. We have tickets to return to Germany on June 30th. As required by current guidelines we will need to self-quarantine for 14 days and notify the local health department that we have returned. Karen has an appointment to see her eye doctor in Sulzbach later in July. We covet your continued prayers for her eye.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support!

Yours for military souls,



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