

Gary & Karen Craft

Veteran Missionaries to the US Military

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Dear Co-laborers in Christ,

Thank you for your continued faithful prayers and support for our ministry to the US Military in Germany. We are grateful for the Lord's continued watch care in these days.

FRUIT

We are happy to report that an English-speaking German lady, Heike, trusted Christ as her Savior. Heike has been attending faithfully for several months and we have been praying that she would come to a full understanding of salvation. Also, we were able to baptize a young lady the Sunday before we left for the states. Our new location has brought new visitors to our services and we are excited about what God will do in the coming days.

STATESIDE

We came back to the US in the early part of September for 4 weeks and that has proven to be a very wise decision. Bro. Mark and Julie Lancaster filled in wonderfully for us at Grace Baptist Church in Germany. Our people enjoyed his preaching and their ministry in music. We knew the church would be well cared for in our absence.

OUR SCHEDULE

We had several reasons for returning. One was to check up on our health situation with our primary care doctor. We both had much needed eye surgery. We hoped to be able to attend Karen's 50th High School Class Reunion which was canceled at the last minute due to COVID concerns. We enjoyed a visit from my father-in-law, D.O. Van Dyne, and traveled with him as he took a trip down memory lane of places he had lived; visiting friends from long ago, including some he had not seen for 50 years. He preached in 3 churches and we gave a report of our ministry in each church. One of the churches was a church in Iowa that he started 66 years ago. He is 92 now and still active, still preaching and still serving the Lord.

CHANGE

We were within 2 days of returning to Germany when I went in for a stress test that was scheduled for me by my primary doctor. As it turned out, I never even made it on the treadmill. It was discovered that my heart was in Atrial Flutter and needed immediate care. After doing a Transesophageal Echocardiogram and a cardioversion, they immediately did a heart ablation. The Heart Doctor said that the other side of my heart will need an ablation also and it is worse than the side he did the ablation and will be more extensive. So, I am recovering from that and will go for my follow up appointment next week and we will see where we are health wise. This event changed our plans of return to Germany for the immediate future. We are hopeful we will be able to return as soon as possible.

THE KITCHEN FAMILY

Rob and Daci Kitchen and their children are currently on deputation and doing very well gaining their support. They plan to visit the field next month for 10 days and then return in early February to begin ministry. We look forward to this young family arriving to minister at Grace Baptist!

Yours for military souls,



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