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Prayer Requests:

- Bible study to start in Wiesbaden February 1 – preparation, help, spirit-filled time together, favor with neighbors (noise)
- TeamE evangelism – unity, sensitivity, courage and fruit
- Open doors to talk to neighbors and friends about Jesus
- To stand our ground and to let God fight the battles
- Guidance for more work for Ron
- Language acquisition
- Grandparents' health

Praises:

- Alex's burn healing well
- Anja doing well in Kindergarten
- Got drivers licenses and travel documents

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Fighting The Good Fight

Looking back over the events of the last three months it is hard to define a theme. Plans did not go through, promises were not kept, expectations and hopes went unmet – emotions took over and our initial responses were often not pretty. We often grew tired like Moses when Joshua and his men fought their first battle against the Amalekites. We felt terrified and cried out like the Israelites, when they saw the Egyptian army in pursuit while standing with their back against the sea. As we are on a new journey with the Lord we also have to learn again to let the Lord fight our battles and to take our stand against the enemy, who just loves to see us defeated - Ephesians 6:10 – 18.

Some of the more difficult experiences were:

CC Family Retreat: not knowing anybody, we questioned our decision to come and felt very awkward at first. But then we were so blessed by the teaching and met some wonderful young people from the CC Bible College who were there to take care of the kids. We also had great family time sleeping in bunk beds and going for walks through cow and horse pastures.

Thanksgiving: We planned to invite unbelievers to a traditional dinner and to share the very spiritual story of the first Thanksgiving. We ended up with a room full of believers instead. While four kids were tearing around in



the kids room with Uli trying to gain control over the chaos, Ron got to share his story anyway. After most people had left we got to spend some time with our pastor and his girlfriend – a treat, because he is an accomplished guitar player and he got to try out Uli's guitar.

Ron's Drivers License: Ron had six months in Germany before he had to have a German drivers license. Somehow his application was left on someone's desk and just in time we found out that the required test had not been scheduled yet. And we only had 10 days to go! By God's grace we got it all straightened out and Ron was able to pass his test just in time! This was an incredible thing because German bureaucracy moves very slowly AND

Ron had to learn a lot of new material in a very short time.

Alex “klaut Würstelein”:

Two days before Christmas Alex pulled a pot of hot water with hot dogs from the stove and burned his left arm. Having had a similar experience as a youth, Ron knew what to do and cooled him down while we waited for the emergency pediatrician to come. After an



ambulance ride to the hospital (even though Alex loves ambulances, he did not seem to enjoy this ride) and a very traumatic ER experience we had to stay at the hospital for two days. Once treated Alex did not seem to have much pain but he hated the dressing change and started to scream whenever someone in a lab coat entered the room. Meanwhile his arm has healed nicely and we hope that there won't be too much scarring.

A Different Christmas: With Alex's burn and Uli's Dad's failing health (he had some really bad days over the holidays) Christmas was not the joyful time we had hoped for. But we had spend quite a bit of time with the kids during Advent, baking cookies, reading the Bible stories about Jesus' birth, singing songs, lighting candles to make it special for them and for us. Christmas Eve we role-played the birth of Christ as a family, which



made up for not being able to go to a church service.

Wiesbaden Ministry: Our initial start date for a Bible study in Wiesbaden was the end of October. But it came and went and we did not start. Uli was too sick to support the effort, Ron had to work a lot, and we did not really know many to invite. Then came Advent, a very busy time for people in Germany too. So here we are three months later ready to go again. Only this time we have some interested people to invite! Lord willing we will start February 1st in our home.

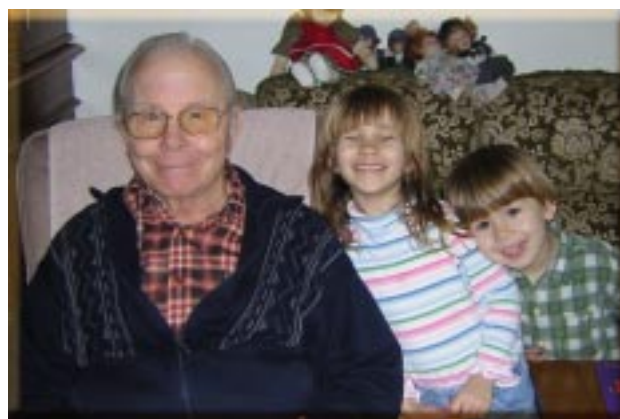
Maybe you can imagine the strain of seeing your little one in pain or your parent growing old and weak. Maybe you can feel the sense of failure to prepare, perform, and protect. Maybe you can imagine the thoughts of defeat the enemy sent our way. That's what we have to learn again – to stand on God's Word and trusting in His loving care for us no matter what the circumstance.

On a more joyful note we have had many

opportunities to talk to neighbors and friends about what makes our “faith” different and we can see the Lord touch hearts and draw people to Himself. Anja is doing wonderfully in her Kindergarten group and music class and her German is getting better every day. She has been mistaken for a native speaker! Alex is a very active little boy and we have to research some opportunities for him to burn off energy – maybe soccer or tumbling. Ron is very excited about teaching and has been studying a lot. He is also looking into different opportunities to further supplement our income. Uli is looking forward to building new relationships and to encourage others in their walk with the Lord. She is also still enjoying very much to teach her own and the children at CC Grünstadt about the Lord. Most of all we are so thankful, that the Lord wants to fight our battles and that all He wants us to do is to stand our ground by faith in His Word and His Character! (see Ephesians 6) We thank Him for His love and care for us and for people like YOU whom He uses to encourage and support us!

Thank you SO much for your prayers, gifts, calls and mails!

Mit Gottes Segen,
Ron, Uli, Anja & Alex



Alex and Anja with Opa