

A Liddle Good News

From the Wycliffe ministry of David and Katherine Liddle,
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The picture up there in the corner may be small, but it represents no small thing. Way back in July, we bid a reluctant “*Auf Wiedersehen!*” to our friends and colleagues in Germany. We journeyed back to the U.S., where we would begin a year away—a year to be with family, friends, and supporters; and a year to reset our residency status.

So, what did we leave behind, besides our household goods and the hope of our returning? What fruit did we produce during our time there?

Oftentimes my work in technical support and services reminds me of what Paul wrote to the Corinthians: “... God is not a God of disorder but of peace” (1 Corinthians 14:33, NLT) When I bring order to a broken or even chaotic situation in a technological setting, it’s helpful to remember that I am reflecting a characteristic of the Creator himself.

In the six years we just completed in Germany, I helped to standardize equipment, services, and advice among the many Wycliffe offices in Europe. Our team typically didn’t do that in a rigid fashion, because we understand that humans need a little room to maneuver. The uniformity we *did* employ establishes stability and familiarity in our colleagues’ work environments. With technical matters humming smoothly in the background, our brothers and sisters are free to produce fruit of their own.

Katherine’s work, too, has a strong element of creating and maintaining order. Libraries are veritable *bastions* of organization! Anyone doing research wants accurate and complete information about resources, right? And when you turn your eyes to the shelf for the book you need, you want it to be right where you expect it, don’t you? Much in this life depends on good recordkeeping now, and it takes effort and persistence to purge and prevent errors and omissions from the records.

Returning to the U.S. after six years away has often felt like a battle against chaos. Life is different here. Katherine and I are thankful that Jonathan and Caleb are progressing well in the local school, despite the challenging differences between the U.S. and German systems. Home and household are stable, but we remain far from many of the people we would like to visit. While here, I’m doing work for Wycliffe that makes little use of my best skills, but I do it for the joy of our goal of reaching all people with God’s message.

This spring, we will be visiting the people and churches who support us from Pennsylvania, Virginia, and other nearby points. At the end of the school year, we will begin a long road trip so that we can visit those further away. It’s a doozy!

If you pray for us, let the words here guide you. There is much in the past and the present for which we can thank and praise our God, and there is much in the future for which we need his counsel and provision. May the God of order bring peace to your lives as he does to ours!

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“You are now leaving Niederdresselndorf.” Lancaster is still far away!



Being in the United States doesn't make us look different, does it?



The Neills, the Liddles, and the Grumbrechts, together after four years!

Our Travel Schedule

- March 4: The Blue Church, Springfield, PA, 9:30–1:00 PM
- March 10: Aldan Union Church, Aldan, PA, 8:00–10:30 AM
- March 14: Aldan Union Church, Aldan, PA, 7:00–8:30 PM
- March 18: Aldan Union Church, Aldan, PA, 9:00–1:00 PM
- April 13-15: Pender United Methodist Church, Fairfax, VA
- April 29: Parkwood Baptist Church, Annandale, VA, 9:30–12:00 PM
- June 11-13: South Carolina (tentative visits)
- June 13-19: First Presbyterian Church of Duncanville, Duncanville, TX
- June 19-27: Centennial, CO (family visit)
- June 27-July 2: Brookdale Church, Saint Joseph, MO
- August 3: Germany?

If you live in the vicinity of our journey or a stop and would like to get together, please let us know!

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