



Regensburg, Bavaria Germany

*Winter has come, and Christmas is in the air! The fire is lit most days, and we enjoy a quieter pace. The children are busy crafting Christmas cards, ornaments, and decorations for the house. It's a time of visiting a lot of friends and having people over to our house. It has not yet snowed, but we are hoping to build our first snowman any day now.*

### Thanksgiving:

Thanksgiving is not just a fun holiday for our family, but also an outreach ministry in the church. We printed out invitations and invited friends, neighbors, and people from the community. The church people all chipped in to cook traditional American dishes (we even had cranberry sauce from a can!). Several lost visitors came and on top of a great meal, our church people took turns giving their testimonies. Todd also gave a short Gospel message. We now pray that all those that heard the plan of salvation will respond to it.

### Special Events:

On Saturday, December 8th the ladies of the church hosted a ladies breakfast. Many had been invited and much was prepared. We prayed that many lost ladies would come and experience a great time and have open ears and hearts to the Gospel. Thankfully, it was well attended and was a blessing to all who came.

On the next day, Sunday the 9th, our church put on a Christmas program at the nursing home in town. The children performed a Christmas play. They had been practicing for months. The church family sang several familiar Christmas songs. Last year the residents of the home sang along and it was a great time and this year was no different. Also, this year a man in the church gave the Gospel message. We are thrilled that a church member is stepping up in this way.

On Saturday, December 15th the church will be going throughout the community to pass out fliers and tracts. We used to set up a table in front of a department store and pass out fliers and books to people coming and going. However, there is new ownership and we are no longer allowed to put up the table. We are praying to find a new location. In the mean time, we plan to simply go door-to-door and throughout town.

### Upcoming plans:

On December 16th we are headed down near the Austrian border. A missionary family in Leutkirch, Germany asked us to come and preach a special Christmas meeting. Kim will be helping with the children and Todd will be preaching a Gospel message. They are expecting the room to be full and there should be several lost people in attendance.

We are also planning for a concert in Salzburg in the Spring. A group from PA is coming and will be holding several concerts. They came in the Spring of 2016 and it was a great blessing. They will be putting on the concert in Neutraubling as well. We have invited a guest preacher to give the message at that concert. Now we are praying for the right place to rent for the concerts.

In April a teen group from CA is coming. We are planning a BBQ and Basketball tournament while they are here. There are several other plans in the works as well.

*In Christ,  
Todd, Kim, Virginia, Thomas, & Mason Lapato*