



Regensburg, Bavaria Germany

*We are enjoying long and warm days. Most days we find time to sit out on the porch or lay in the hammock (actually our children normally take it over and use it as a swing). Neighborhood children also come over regularly and jump on the trampoline or climb in the tree. The cherry tree became, seemingly overnight, ready to pick. Now it's cherry cobbler time!*

### BBQ FEST:

As many of you know, BBQ Fest is the biggest event of the year for our church. It takes months of planning and organizing. We ended up having help from several other churches throughout Bavaria. It was amazing to see the team work. One church brought a massive tent that gave the event a more "festival like" atmosphere. Another church provided the workers for the games. The games are very important to draw children, who bring their parents. Several team mates from Todd's basketball team came with their children and were impressed with the festival.

Todd smoked about 175 pounds of pulled pork. This year was much easier with the new smoker. Several churches provided the funds for this new smoker and we now are able to do much more with our bbq ministry.

We had a guest pastor from a German church give the Gospel. We also set up a table with tracts and books free of charge. We were thankful to hear that many of our church people had several good conversations about the Bible and Christ. We are now praying for all those who came, that they would respond to God's offer of salvation. We estimate that between 150-200 people came.

### Ministries in the church:

Our children's club has been going well and there are regular unsaved children in attendance. Our men's meeting remains steady and the ladies are also having good meetings every Wednesday. Our midweek service is struggling. Please pray that the people will set aside the time to come.

### We are moving:

The church in Neutraubling has grown over the last 4 years. This growth is not just in numbers, but also in love and dedication to Christ. Honestly, we thought it would take 10 or more years to get where we are now. The church is not perfect, but it is financially stable and the people are often involved in the different ministries. With seeing the church develop, we began to pray about our future. As you know, we have been working with the Radank family in this church plant. With so many places in Bavaria and Austria with no Gospel preaching churches, we felt the Lord leading us to find a new place to serve Him.

The Radanks will continue to lead the church here, while we move to Schongau (Bavaria). There is a small church plant there in need of leadership. It is very small and not very old. They were considering disbanding as a church, but are now excited we are coming. This will also put us closer to the Austrian border and Bregenz (Austria), where I go once a month to pass out fliers and tracts. We hope to see a Bible study started in Bregenz, and maybe one day a church. This move allows us to better reach both Bavarians and Austrians. God even provided a house that is better than we could have imagined. It is right across the street from the small store front, that the church plant has been using. We are excited to continue planting churches in Bavaria, and hopefully Austria as well.

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