



Regensburg, Bavaria Germany

You are probably now used to hearing, "it's a different world out there." Things have begun to return to normal here in Bavaria. The border to Austria is open again, and most people are back to work. Schools are open, but not all students are attending every day, instead most go every other week. We are hoping that the rest of the restrictions on daily life and ministry will end soon.

Lockdown construction:

During the weeks of lockdown, we built our large attic into an indoor play area. We couldn't go anywhere, so we decided to use the space we have. Our children loved being a part of the project. We have a 10 foot slide, swinging chairs, climbing rings, ball pit, tunnels, ball games, and a lot more. Our goal was not just to give our children a fun place, but also to invite other children and families. Once things go back to normal and we can have visitors over regularly, we hope to use the play place to get to know people and share the Gospel.

church:

The church is doing well, but attendance is down since we began meeting again a few weeks ago. Some don't come because there is a law requiring masks, others have new jobs, and others are claiming to be too busy. By law, we can only meet for an hour, must wear masks, and have to keep about 6 feet distance at all times. Before the lockdown, we recorded the service and posted it online. One lady in the church has no internet or computer. We would call her every Sunday and Kim would play the piano and sing with her over the phone. We would then hold the phone up to the computer, so she could hear the service.

The week leading up to Easter, we helped put on an online revival. The goal was to get the Gospel out. There were several reports of church members sharing the videos with their lost family and friends.

The lockdown forced us to learn more about technology. We are now recording the messages on Sunday mornings and posting them online. Several have said this is a blessing when they are not able to attend.

We are considering expanding our online ministry to include more daily devotionals.

Children's ministry and flier outreach:

We have had to postpone the start of our children's ministry, as well as our goal to get thousands of fliers out. Instead, we will be getting all plans ready for the future, when we are allowed to get back out into the community.

Upcoming plans/furlough:

As of now, our furlough plans are in doubt. Our flight was cancelled and the airline is refusing to refund us. We are considering trying to find a new flight, but would need the refunded money from the cancelled flight. We need wisdom and God's leading regarding our furlough this Summer. We have many meetings scheduled for this Summer. I may be contacting many of you to cancel, depending on how it goes with the airline.

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