



Regensburg, Bavaria Germany

*We feel very comfortable in our new home, even though it seems as if we will never finish all of our projects. From completely renovating the pond (which we inherited from the previous renters) to installing lights (houses and apartments don't come with any lights), we have had our hands full. Thankfully we are getting close to the end of all our renovations.*

#### Summer outreach:

In August Todd brought both his smokers to Leutkirch to help Dan and Deana Brown, a missionary family. The town shut down all the entrances into the historic downtown area. There were different stations set up for food, activities, music, etc. Todd smoked BBQ ribs and pulled pork to offer to those coming to the festival. The Brown's church sang good Christian music and passed out fliers and invitations. It was a great atmosphere to get the Gospel out. We are so thankful God continues to use the BBQ ministry.

#### Adjusting to our new town:

We are thankful we were able to move during the summer break. That has given us more time to adjust to our new home and town. We live in a section of the town up on a hill and we only have to walk a couple streets over to see down in the valley and the old walled part of town. Schongau was a medieval city, important to the trade route from Italy to Augsburg. The old wall still exist and we actually drive through the old gates when we go into downtown.

#### Church ministries:

Things are going well in the church and we have really seen God bless as we have begun to serve in our new area. Kim plays the piano, teaches the children, and helps in many other ways. Todd is enjoying teaching and preaching. Although there are literally only a handful of people, they have a love for the Lord. There is also a man who has been coming the last few months, who wants to grow in Christ. He has only been saved a year. Todd has begun to spend time with him and hopes to meet weekly with him to help him grow in Christ. Our house has a large yard and we are able to use it for the ministry. We put up a large play ground and have tried to make it comfortable for visiting families. The Lord was so good and allowed us to find a home right across the street from the meeting place of the small church. This will allow us to extend any future children's ministry and have a place for church and outreach events. We are now also closer to the Austrian border. This will make it easier to pass out tracts and hold events in Austria.

#### Upcoming plans:

We plan to work on getting word out about the church in Schongau and begin getting more involved in the community. We need to develop an internet site so people can find the church, pass out fliers, and get our name in the newspaper. Todd is meeting people through basketball and Kim is meeting people through school contacts from Thomas and Virginia. Church planting and ministry in Bavaria and Austria is very slow. Please pray for God to open hearts and help us be faithful to present the Gospel at every opportunity. The people view us as a cult and are spiritually dead. They have wealth and religion, but very few are interested in anything related to the Bible or even the existence of God. Only through the grace and strength of our Lord will souls be saved.

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

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