

The Talley Family

Church Planting in
Königs Wusterhausen, Germany



July 2020

Dear Prayer Partners,

Two months after the ban on religious services went into effect, each of the German states were allowed to set their own restrictions for the reopening of churches. Some states were more restrictive than others. In our case, we were given a list of requirements and recommendations, including social distancing, hand sanitizers, and restricted entry and exit. Nothing could be passed around, and masks were recommended but not required. To meet the requirements, we had to rearrange the auditorium with seating areas for each household separated by at least a meter and a half. The pulpit was moved to the entrance, area so that the adjoining room could be used as overflow if attendance exceeded the reduced capacity of the auditorium which is now restricted to seventeen. Since we cannot pass anything around, we placed a basket for the offering at the exit.

Since we have some who are in the higher risk category who are not yet able to attend we decided to continue live streaming our services. This meant getting an internet connection for the church and upgrading equipment to improve the quality of the live stream. Since home meeting restrictions were still in place we continued conducting our Bible studies during the week using various video conferencing services. Michael also started a new Bible study that is made available as a podcast. In June, the restrictions for home meetings were lightened enough that we were able to again host youth meetings in our home. Having invested time and other resources in making our services available online, we plan to use these tools for evangelization as well once the restrictions are lifted enough to allow us to distribute tracts and brochures advertising the church.

We had hoped that travel insurance would cover the extra cost of Michal's return to Germany when his original flight was canceled, but the insurance company decided not to cover it since the Coronavirus was an unforeseen event. He received a refund for the original ticket, but we had to still pay several hundred extra for the new ticket. Future travel plans, including a short furlough that we had planned, have been put on hold. John has been accepted at Pensacola Christian College and will be taking online classes for at least his first semester this fall. Joshua has been unable to find a summer job but is still planning to continue at Ambassador in the fall. Pray that God will supply their needs.

Elizabeth is expecting our third grandchild in September and will no longer be printing our prayer letter for us. Michael's sister Sarah and her family are taking on that responsibility for us. If you prefer to receive the prayer letter by email, please let us know by writing to us at the email address below. Thank you all for your faithful prayers and support!

In Christ,

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