

The Talley Family

Church Planting in

Königs Wusterhausen, Germany



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Dear Prayer Partners,

Since our last letter, the effect of Covid on the ministry here has taken a different turn. In late August, Michael started having cold symptoms, so he took a Covid self-test as a precaution even though he had not had contact with anyone who had Covid. The test showed HE WAS POSITIVE FOR COVID. Following the required protocol, he called the health department who put us under quarantine at home while awaiting the results of a PCR test. It was also positive, so they extended the quarantine to two weeks from when the first symptoms appeared. Other than a bad sore throat, these first two weeks were not that bad.

After the quarantine ended, the symptoms worsened. A trip to the doctor resulted in a diagnosis of bronchitis. After two weeks with only slight improvement, he was sent for chest X-rays to check for possible pneumonia. The X-rays showed he did not have pneumonia; however, THE DOCTOR EXTENDED THE DIAGNOSIS TO INCLUDE EMPHYSEMA. We do not know if the Covid caused it or just facilitated its discovery, but we are thankful that they caught it in the early stages, and it is treatable. The treatment will include annual flu and pneumonia shots, taking regular walks to get fresh air, and having an asthma spray to use in case of emergency. He also checks his pulse oxygen level and peak flow occasionally to keep a check on his progress. Michael has since resumed all the normal ministry activities, but he gets tired quicker.

Another BAPTISMAL SERVICE WAS HELD AT A LOCAL LAKE ON AUGUST 15 to baptize a younger sister of one of the teens baptized in June. She is now away studying on the other side of Germany but is still taking part in our young adult Bible studies via Skype. We currently meet with the young adults up to three times a week for Bible studies and a Bible doctrines course.

Almost everyone has returned to in-person attendance of services, but we are continuing to live stream. Please PRAY FOR WISDOM FOR US AS WE PLAN FOR SPECIAL ACTIVITIES DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and support!

In Christ,

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