



The Kleager Family Christmas in Germany!

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That has such a nice ring to it, and if you have ever been here at Christmas, you know how wonderful it is. There are many Christmas markets, it is cold and snowy, and holiday cheer is everywhere!

This is definitely one perspective on Christmas. Christmas in Germany can also be very difficult. Cold and snowy can also be seen as grey and dreary. What if you are single and you have no family around? What if your husband or wife is deployed? A barracks room or a home without family isn't always full of holiday cheer.

I received a short email from the dad of a single soldier who is a part of our ministry. Here is what he said:

*Hello Mr. Kleager,
Hope all is well. Just wanted to know how [our son] is doing and if he is still attending the Bible studies and getting involved. He has told me in the past that he likes the studies in your home and that he would like to get grounded in God's Word more. Are there any activities for Christmas? It's his first time away from home and Christmas is gonna be tough on him (and us). Thanks for all you do. God bless.*

Christmas can be a lonely time for many soldiers and families who are accustomed to spending it with family. We hope to be family for these people this year. We will be having a brunch for single soldiers on Christmas morning, including presents for all of them. Dinner that night will be for everyone. (We hope it is much like Thanksgiving when we had 65 people join us!) We hope that many of the single soldiers will then spend the entire weekend with us.

Please pray for the soldiers and their families during Christmas. Put yourself in the shoes of the dad who wrote me this email and pray what he is probably praying for his son. We consider it a privilege to be an answer to the prayers of many parents. Please also pray for the soldiers currently deployed. Finally, please pray for our family as we seek to serve God by being a family to those He brings into our home.



German Medieval Christmas Market



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And, as always, thank you to all of you who partner with us in this ministry. Our home is open and we have the opportunity to be a loving family because of your prayers and financial support. You are a blessing to so many. Thank you and may God bless you as we all celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Family Update

As you can tell by the picture, while the boys are getting bigger, some things just don't change with us! We are still having a lot of fun as a family. This photo is from the family fun night at our recent staff retreat.

Jacob continues to do well in the German elementary school. His German skills are progressing as he is now reading in German. He also has made some great friends in his class even though his dad doesn't understand what they are saying when they come over to play! We think Owen knows more German than he lets on because just the other day he told his teacher in German that Aimee is pregnant. Oh yeah, did we mention that? Aimee is pregnant and is due June 25th! Thanks be to God!

Blessings in Jesus,

The Kleagers



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