

# *THE BROWNS*

CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES IN GERMANY AND LIECHTENSTEIN

3rd Quarter Update, 2025

## *Church Leadership*

We are excited to share with you a recent development in the Leutkirch church. After taking some time to prepare the church by teaching through the biblical roles of church leadership, the members voted to install Michael and Jürgen, to faithful men, as deacons. This is a blessing, and an important step in developing future leadership for this congregation. Our position is, that the biblical office of a deacon carries with it no authority within the body. Rather, these are leading servants within the church, who dedicated their time and attention to unburdening the elders (pastors), so they can give their full attention to prayer and the ministry of teaching and preaching God's Word. These brothers have faithfully filled this role over a period of several years, even without having an official title. Now that they have been appointed by the church as deacons, they will undergo further training to develop their leadership gifts. Please pray for them, their wives and for the church family. We look forward to seeing what God will do in the church, as we have purposed to obey and apply the divine leadership structure laid out for us in His word.

## *Summer Visit*

Our family made a short summer visit to the U.S. We had a wonderful time, spending most of it with both sides of our family. Since it wasn't an official furlough, we were only able to visit a few supporting churches, including our home church and the church Deana's family attends, which is pastored by her brother. It was a blessing to simply take in the much needed R&R, as well as being on the receiving end of spiritual nourishment.

The kids had a blast catching up with old friends, spending quality time with their relatives and visiting some "must-see" landmarks of the U.S. (like Buc-ee's). They were also spiritually refreshed by taking part in a VBS, as well as spending a week at the Wild's. It truly was a great trip - one they will not soon forget!

## *Brother Hans-Jürgen*

We rejoice to tell about a new brother in Christ, named Hans-Jürgen. He and his wife recently began attending our services. He is the late stages of a Parkinson's Disease diagnosis, and seems to be getting weaker every day. After Daniel and Michael shared the gospel with him on a couple of separate occasions, Hans-Jürgen was willing to repent and place in faith in Christ for salvation. We are so grateful that God sent he and his wife our way. Please pray for him to grow close to his Saviour during his short time left. How precious it will be for him to get to know Jesus here, and when God calls him home, to be ushered into His presence.

# *Great Friends*

During our time in the U.S., we were able to catch up with our dear friends, Austin and Lori. Rather, they caught up with us. They made the long journey from Canada to join us at our home church for a Sunday evening service. We had a great time with them!

One of the highlights of their visit, was a panel discussion we took part in for our home church. Pastor Jeremiah Williams led the discussion, giving us the opportunity to explain life and ministry in Europe, as well as answer several questions from the church family. Since Austin and Lori were an integral part of our joint efforts with the Cooley family in Liechtenstein, they also joined the panel. Their input was incredibly valuable.

## *Liechtenstein Bible Study*

Throughout the Summer, the Liechtenstein Bible study was on Pause. We resumed our meetings mid-September, and are now continuing to have them on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. Daniel and Jeremiah continue to split leading the studies. In addition to our families, the two ladies with whom the study began are continuing attend faithfully. Please pray for them to grow in their faith, and in their willingness to share the gospel with others in Liechtenstein.

## *Family Update*

Daniel and Deana are doing well. We are grateful to report that our health seems to be strong. After almost 20 years (December), we are still happily married, and taking a day-by-day approach to our current busy life-routine.

Micah is 15 years old. In July, he finished the 9th grade, completing his grade-school obligation to the German school system. He now attends a local trade-school, and is taking a one-year Auto-Mechanics program. Upon completion, he will be released from all German school requirements, and can resume his U.S. high-school education. He is currently a goalie in a local men's soccer program, and also plays on the youth Basketball league. In the church, you'll find Micah at the Media table, or assists in his teaching rotation with the kindergarten kids.

Kaylee is 12 years old going on 16. She just started the 7th grade. She recently opted out of basketball this year, and has started training to be a life-guard. She loves music, drawing, baking, and really, really loves her dog, Emma. In the church, Kaylee is busy with the kiddos. They flock to her as soon as they walk in the building. She also helps in the children's class rotation. She is praying about starting a prayer meeting at her school along with another young lady from the church.

Tobi is 9 years old. He is now in the 4th grade. This is the school year that decides which direction his grade-school education will take. Depending on his grades, he will be placed in one of three different schools. We try to avoid giving in to the pressure that the 4th grade carries with it. It seems so unreasonable for such young kids. Please pray for our little guy to stay encouraged throughout the school year. In addition to school, Tobi is busy playing with his neighborhood friends a playing for his youth soccer team. Currently, he and Mom are working through a discipleship program called, "Foundation Worldview".