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Family can thrive in love and lockdown

Corona has been challenging, but for our family, it has been a time to grow closer together, to have quality time to share life and values and to grow in our understanding of one another. We've been stretched in home schooling and balancing all the other areas of life and ministry, but we have seen God bless this time that we've had inside this winter. Who knows if we will ever get this chance again to have so much time together.

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We may be in lockdown, but God is not!

Dear Friends and Partners,

Welcome to 2021! For most of us, it didn't start out the way we had hoped or planned. In Germany, we were in full lockdown again from the end of December until the middle of February. Church services met with very limited numbers and only one additional person was allowed to meet with a household. Stores and restaurants continue to be "take-out" only and it's only been 4 weeks that some of our children are back in school part time. Germany did not pre-order its own vaccinations in time to get any of the Pfizer vaccinations for its own country. This has led to a very slow rollout of vaccinations to the public and much debate over if the nation and the EU has handled Corona and lockdowns and the vaccination processes properly. The people are restless, and with spring and Easter around the corner, the desire to connect and commune is great.

Despite lockdowns and restrictions (and quite possibly as a byproduct of them), we see God on the move. People are hungry for fellowship, a community that cares for them and a purpose greater than themselves. The Corona crisis has made many question - Why am I here?

We've intentionally relaunched life groups online, offered one-on-one meet-ups, conducted hikes through the woods, zoom fellowships, online game nights and prayer nights to offer a place that people can begin to meet again as believers and grow in their faith.

A few weeks ago, we launched our very first Alpha Course in the Frankfurt campus and have new attendees visiting our churches weekly now that we have started meeting again in person. Our Youth leader has teamed up with another church in Oberursel to strengthen the youth program through this time. It is through these kinds of strategic partnerships that forge the way forward for the church here in Frankfurt and Oberursel. The Catholic Church building St. Hedwigs is ours to use every Sunday. This is our miracle of God opening an effectual door to us in the city.

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DCPI - International Church Planting Training

Brian is now one of the instructors for DCPI, a program for empowering and training church planters all over the world. He is one of the European trainers, and they recently trained over 20 participants from various European nations. It has been incredible to see how the years of on-the-ground, first-hand church planting, and study has made way for Brian to make an investment into other potential and current church plant endeavors across the globe!

Fusion Network

The Fusion Network we launched in January of 2020 is vibrant and growing. It is serving as a meeting point for church planters and church revitalizers in America, Europe and Tanzania to connect, catalyze and collaborate in their passions and ministries to raise up a next generation of life giving churches. Our Fusion leaders are meeting quarterly via Zoom as well as weekly in a book club. It has been a fulfillment of a vision to encourage and strengthen church planting around the world.

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From missionary to Pastor - Jane Merson

"Adventure Awaits" book

In February, we had the privilege of setting in Jane Merson, a missionary from Scotland, as a pastoral minister within the New Life Church Frankfurt campus. She comes with years of service including ministering with Metro City Child and her home church in Aberdeen. Jane is serving as an assistant pastor in Frankfurt. She is a delightful and anointed woman and has been already serving a number of years with us. God is continuing to give us the opportunity to empower and make room for leaders called to make disciples here in Germany. We are honored to have her on our team. She recently wrote a book "Adventure Awaits" that is a must read! Brian was blessed with the opportunity to write the forward for her book.

Cultivating a Missions Heart in our German Church

God has added to our ministry team another missionary who is empowering the church for refugee ministry and a heart for missions.

Rebekah is from an organization called AIM and will be doing monthly outreaches plus missions mobilization within and outside both church campuses. We are so blessed to have a team here that is growing and serving the nation and the nations within our city.

Tanzanian President died/ A nation in need of prayer

Dear Friends, our hearts grieve with the recent death of the Tanzanian president. He had been the one to call the nation to fast and pray that Covid would not take hold in his nation. For about one year, Tanzania experienced virtually no Covid problems. But the news reports that he died of Covid himself and the nation is currently in a rapid rise of this horrible virus. Our hearts are heavy. The nation will now have a female Muslim president from Zanzibar. It has already been difficult for missionaries to get visa and residents permits in Tanzania the last years, but the future could be even more tenuous for Christians. Will you pray for Brownsville International - our ministry network of churches in Tanzania? Will you pray for this nation which is under so much duress? Will you pray for the missionaries doing good work in the nation of Tanzania to secure visas and permits to stay, work, minister and respond to the great needs of this wonderful nation? Thank you to everyone who continues to invest into this nation through us.

**Thank you for your prayers and support as we serve Jesus in the Nations!
Brian, Janine and kids**