

the latest

>jul/aug 2011 >ben/sarah/travis/hannah/emma

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>picture



Our Germany team (minus 4 kids!) hanging out at General Council 2011 in May

>praise

>We thank God for the **safe travels and smooth transition for our family** as we have recently settled in Toledo, Ohio -- we are all healthy and doing well, and **eager to see what God has for us** during this home assignment year...

>We thank God for **our new teammate, Summer Hartzler**, who will be flying to Berlin on August 14th -- we're trusting God for good closure and safe travels for her, and **thankful for our team's growth!**...

>We thank God for **YOU -- THANK YOU** for your financial support and prayers -- it is an honor to partner with you! -- it is so encouraging to know that **we are not alone, but are battling with you** to be a light in the darkness in NE Germany...

>prayer

>Please pray with us for our **Freischwimmer church-plant project** -- for the **commitment and leadership** to grow within the Body of believers there -- for the **effective creativity and outreach** in the unique community in which they live out their faith -- please pray for **guidance and wisdom** in decision-making regarding the format and approach to Sunday gatherings -- please pray for our **national leaders at FS...**

>Please pray for our family as August marks the beginning of **many speaking/sharing opportunities for us**, including **Ben's two-month speaking tour starting in September** in our home district -- pray for **God's heart and words to be clear to us as we share** and challenge many here in the States ...

>Please pray for **our family as we continue our transition** to life in the States, including Travis starting Kindergarten, Sarah being involved at our home church and for strength for her while Ben is away on tour -- and for us all to keep using/practicing on our German...

>Please pray with us for **our team and churches**: Don & Sarah Jones (Freischwimmer -- with Dane & Jenna); Summer Hartzler (arriving mid-August to start language study); and for the Chinese Alliance Church (John & Hoiling Poon)...

>pondering

Here is a choc-o-block glimpse of the last three months or so: saying goodbye in Berlin was very hard for us as a family but we are so excited and blessed to see how God has been working in so many lives and we're eager to see how He will impact so many in the future; we arrived safely at the airport in Detroit and, after a few weeks living out of suitcases, finally settled in the wonderful home provided by our fantastic church family at Westgate Chapel in Toledo, OH, which was an extremely warm welcome from them; celebrated Hannah's 3rd and Travis' 5th birthdays, along with a couple other family birthdays and a July 4th as well; attended the bi-annual Alliance's General Council in Kansas City at the end of May, and participated mid-July at our Home Assignment Ministry Seminars (HAMS) out in Colorado Springs for returning international workers ; reacquired our US licenses; hit the movie theatres a couple of times; enjoyed a Carey (Ben's side) vacation at Myrtle Beach and anticipate a fun Rimondi (Sarah's side) vacation at Ocean City, NJ; the girls got their ears pierced; Travis already rides his bike around the block like a little speedster; excited (and freaked) about Emma crawling all over the place already; and so very looking forward to the rest of our year here in the States, expectant about God's faithfulness and work in and through us to be light in these imperative and unpredictable times...

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Thanks again for joining us as we serve God here in northeast Germany, pushing back the spiritual darkness in a city/country/continent in need of His Light – without you, we simply are not here.

If you would like to give financially, the Alliance's **Great Commission Fund (GCF)** supports hundreds of international workers all over the world:

<http://www.cmalliance.org/give/>

Another great way to partner with us is by specifically **supporting us directly here**. Please prayerfully consider how God would love for you to join in His global work.

We are also hoping to raise money for a vehicle for the future, as this will be a necessity when we return to Germany after our home assignment – please consider assisting us in this way by giving to our

Vehicle Fund [here](#). You can also send gifts made out to the Christian & Missionary Alliance, P.O. Box 35000, Colorado Springs, CO 80935-3500.

Please specify "For Support of Ben Carey" or "Ben Carey Vehicle Fund".

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