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>praise

>We thank God for the **good conclusion to our fall tour** in our home district -- we enjoyed **sharing what God is doing in NE Germany** and are thankful for our church family here in the States...

>We thank God for **our new teammates, Jose & Melanie Chinchilla**, who will be arriving in Berlin in January, and **Mike & Elissa Picconatto and their 3 children**, who are also joining our team in July! It's obvious God still wants our team to grow and for us to push forward in Germany!...

>We thank God for **Christmas** -- the reality of our Savior, Sanctifier, Healer & Coming King born to be with us!

>**We thank God for YOU** -- thank you for your financial support, encouragement and prayers -- it is an honor to work with you! -- we know **we're not alone, but are battling with you** to be light in the darkness in NE Germany...

>picture



Hannah, Emma & Travis

>prayer

>Please pray for our team as we gear up for a **big year of change in 2012!** This includes: the **arrival of new teammates** (see left); the **arrival of a new missionary associate** (Karissa Wallace, early 2012); **our family's move outside of Berlin and into Waren**, out in northeast Germany (see below); and **our first annual (hopefully!) English Retreat** in the summer for young German adults age 18-24 -- another big answer to prayer! Please pray for flexibility, wisdom, **reliance on the Holy Spirit and His strength**, and for our team to gel and grow together quickly -- all for His glory!...

>Please continue to **pray for our key ministries in Germany**: our **Freischwimmer** church plant and the growth (size and spiritual) of the nationals within this project; the **Feinkost** women's ministry, for even greater success in the Bible studies and cooking evenings; for our established **English Camp** (July 22-28) for teens, and our inaugural **English Retreat** (July 15-19) for young adults...

>Please pray for **Germany** -- **pray for openness to the Truth and for the Holy Spirit to break through in a big way**...

>**Please pray for our team**: Don & Sarah Jones (team leaders/Freischwimmer, with Dane & Jenna) -- Summer Hartzler (language study) -- Jose & Melanie Chinchilla (in January) -- Mike & Elissa Picconatto (in July, with Johannah, Caleb & Joshua) -- Chinese Alliance Church (John & Hoiling Poon)...

>pondering

Merry Christmas to all of you! What a wonderful time of year -- our family loves it! As we look ahead to the big year of change for us and our team, it is nice to know that we are not going through it all alone -- God is with us! The reality of this is so poignant within the Christmas story and entrance and presence of Christ in our neighborhood -- and He is still with us now and in the coming days! In our recent skype team meeting, it has officially been decided that we will be returning to Germany in early June, and we will be packing up our things in Berlin and moving out to a small city called Waren, right in the heart of NE Germany, a region in which our team has had the desire to be a light for years and years now. What an honor and privilege it is for us to do this, and we do not take it lightly -- we are convinced that God is preparing us now for this new location/position, and we are eager to be used by Him, to point others to Him, and to give glory to Him! We'll keep you updated on this development -- thanks for praying!

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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". Thank you so much for also giving to our Work Special Fund, which helps with additional/extra ministry expenses.

