



Dear Pastors, Church Family, and Friends,

October 2024 - January 2025

As we begin this new year, we are reflecting on the many blessings that God has bestowed upon us and our ministry. We are so thankful for each of you who pray for us, support us, and encourage us in our journey of sharing the Gospel.

Missions Retreat – A Time of Encouragement

One of the highlights of our recent months was the opportunity to attend a missions retreat. What a blessing it was to come together with fellow missionaries to share stories, challenges, and victories. It was a time of refreshing, as we were reminded of God's faithfulness and love for us in the midst of the work He has called us to. We were greatly encouraged by the fellowship, as well as the teachings that strengthened our hearts for the mission field.

It was equally a joy to be an encouragement to others. Often, the demands of ministry can be isolating, so to have a space where we could build one another up and pray together was incredibly uplifting. Our hearts were full as we returned, ready to continue the work God has placed before us.

Thanksgiving Fellowship – A Time of Gratitude

Our Thanksgiving fellowship was another precious moment in the last few months. It's a blessing to gather around the table with our brothers and sisters in Christ to give thanks for His provision and faithfulness. It was humbling to reflect on all God has done in our life.

Christmas Candlelight Service – A Beautiful Time of Celebration

This year, the Christmas Candlelight Service was a truly special occasion. It was an evening filled with beautiful music, Scripture readings, and a time of reflection on the birth of our Savior. The glow of the candles in the sanctuary reflected the light of Christ, and our hearts were filled with joy and peace as we celebrated His coming into the world. It was a wonderful reminder of the hope that Jesus brings.

Christmas love offerings, thank you for your generosity. These offerings will be used to support our need for a **vehicle**. We are trusting that God will provide in His perfect timing.

A Difficult Part of Ministry – Farewells

Another challenge we face in ministry is saying see you later to those we've invested in. It is always difficult when people are transferred or move away. We recently had to say goodbye to several beloved members of our ministry who are leaving for various reasons, and it's never easy to watch them go. There is a bittersweetness in seeing how God is working in their lives and knowing that their new chapter will be full of growth—but it doesn't make the parting any less painful.

Thank You for Your Support

We are grateful for your prayers, encouragement and for all you do to be a blessing and help to us! We look forward to what God has in store for us in 2025 and beyond, and we are excited to continue partnering with you in the mission He has called us to.

Until He Comes,

Gary and Claudia Heppen

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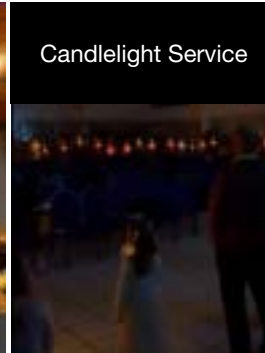
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Prayer Requests:

1. Direction from the Word of God
2. Daily walk with Christ to be rich and meaningful
3. Unity with our co-laborers In Christ
4. Fellowship & counsel with seasoned believers In Christ
5. Compassion for people & appreciation of their strengths
6. Protection from sin & against discouragement
7. German language, customs and culture
8. Favor with authorities & people in the country
9. Servant attitude
10. Ministry lasting fruit, Prepared hearts, Boldness, Fresh ideas and Spirit of prayer
11. Health/proper rest
12. Strong and healthy marriage
13. Our daughter and son in love as they continue to adjust to Army life, Our daughter to have a safe healthy and smooth delivery and healthy baby
14. Our son and his employment on base
15. Our first upcoming short furlough



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