

News - Years End - from the Meyers Germany

Dear prayer partners and supporters,
The year is quickly come to it's end. We look back on what the Lord has done and anticipate the new year with more adventures with our Lord. What a gift it is to know we can depend on a living God for our everyday needs.



Some highlights:
In September Bp. Gerhard ordained Presbyter Sievers for the work in Northern Germany. October we hosted a few groups at Knuellcamp.



St. Benedict Seminary started again with an extensive weekend end of September with 5 students.



Grace's mother was moved into a nursing home mid-September, and her sister Sue had to move into a smaller apartment. Grace flew over for two weeks to help with the move. What a blessed time they had together.



Bp. Gerhard undertook a trip via car to Croatia with the Dean of our Seminary to participate at a REC European Seminary Conference in Osijek. The next week he flew to

London to participate at the Anglican Unity Forum in London.



November's calendar was filled with seven meetings and hosting nine individual guests coming through our area. We welcomed two retreats at the camp. Each year since the opening of the Jause in 2006, Grace offered an American Thanksgiving Dinner for the German folk. This year we welcomed 52 guests.



December was a full month with Advent and Christmas celebrations in church, small groups and at the camp. On the 10th Gerhard received a young couple into the church by confirmation and installed Jared Wensyel as Lay-Reader to begin church planting in the city of Frankfurt.

We helped one of our daughters, Esther Wilke to move within the Bonn area during two days. They bought a house and wanted to move before Dec. 31st. Grace mostly took care of our youngest grandson (7 months old) to keep him occupied, so that Esther could also help organize the move. Grace also prepared the meals for the 10 helpers. Gerhard drove the large truck and moved 500 boxes from inside the truck to six students waiting and running to carry them upstairs. We thank the Lord for His protection.

Last year's Christmas holidays were during week days, and within 10 days Gerhard preached in 6 church services. Dec. 26th is in Germany a second Christmas holiday, and in the afternoon, we had our girls with their families here. We had a good time together.

Early January we took our six older grandchildren on a 3-day tour to the old city of Würzburg in southern Germany. This was our Christmas gift to them. They always look forward to this time just alone with their grandparents.

We want to thank you for your interest and support during the past year and pray the Lord will bless you throughout the new year.

We serve an almighty God, always present if we allow his presence here, always ready to help and lead if we look upon His guidance.

In His Service, have a blessed New Year 2019,

Bishop Gerhard and Grace Meyer