

KRONICLE

A summary of the 2010 happenings in the Kramlich family.



PUTTING DOWN ROOTS IN GERMANY...

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9

We live on the side of a hill in Germany. The negative is that every time we walk anywhere we need to go down the steep hill and up again to our house. But the positive is the view that we have. Our house has a breathtaking view of the valley and we enjoy the gorgeous sunrises and sunsets. Our time settling in here is equivalent to us climbing up a mountain--most of the time it has been hard work--faithfully putting each foot in front of the other--taking times to rest and enjoy how far we have come, and trying NOT to get discouraged with how far we have to go.

The adjustment has been challenging for all of us. The kids have inspired us with their hard work and refusal to stop trying even with a demanding school system. At times, though, it is a struggle when they get a bad grade since

they had difficulty with understanding German or could not express themselves adequately. But we love to see how our children's world has expanded to understand another culture and way of doing things. We trust that hopefully their view at the top of this mountain will be a broad, expansive view including different cultures and language.

I, Debbie have focused on getting the children settled, adjusted and integrated into life here. That has included finding music teachers, sports teams, and other activities so that our children could find friends here and feel at home. We visited Sweden this summer to give us all a chance to say good-bye again as well as reconnect with our friends there. It was a great time, but also a big help in letting go of Sweden and being able to put down roots here.



Visits from Friends

We are enjoying the culture and beauty of Germany as well as our many friends who have come to visit!

HOSPITALS



2010 The Year of Sickness

In 2010, our family experienced 2 ambulance rides, 6 hospitalizations, 4 seizures, 6 EEGS, 1 MRI a fire, broken arm, and the "normal sickness." We are so thankful for God's protection, and great medical care here in Germany.

Todd's role here has changed a bit in the last 18 months . . .

Todd's main task with Janz Team was in the area of English Camps. He enjoyed the camp ministry, but realized that he was really missing regular contact with people in between the camps. In April, Todd was approached by our church we attend, Freie Evangelische Gemeinde Kander (FEG Kander), and asked if he would be interested in working with the youth. Initially we were both quite surprised by this offer, and in his meeting with the elders, Todd was quite honest about his limitations as a youth pastor--his age, energy level and our family. But as the board told him their primary desire of someone to "father" the youth, he began to get excited. TeachBeyond (the American side of Janz Team) allowed Todd to be 50% with the church and 50% with the mission. Todd is taking speaking engagements and some counseling classes and will be working in the area of Member Care with our mission. Todd is thoroughly enjoying working with the youth of the church and is gone most evenings with church activities. The positive is that he is home most afternoons where we both can help the

children with their homework and activities. This new arrangement really fits well with our family's needs and Todd's gifts. He enjoys doing Bible studies with the youth and tried to take some of the youth or leaders along when he has speaking engagements. He is still helping out with camps as his schedule allows, but is looking forward to teaching Progress of Redemption to the youth, and possibly starting a mime/drama team among the youth. There is a strong leadership team already in place, and Todd is thankful for those who are sharing the administration with him.

We continue to be grateful for how God has provided financially for our family and for those who give faithfully to us. We did find out that our heating system will need to be replaced in our house for the total of ca. 35,000 dollars. Pray for us in wisdom in deciding which system to replace. Pray that we can also get permission from the bank to borrow this money. It is an overwhelming decision for us and we are unsure what to do, but also are confident that God is also in control of this situation!



KRAMLICH KIDS



Family Ministry

This New Year's we were at a Family Retreat where Todd spoke. Our whole family organized a program based on "Peace in the Family" with drama, music, puppets, mime and some illusions. Even Levi did puppets with us!



Our family had lots of adventures and excitement this year. . . Here's a compilation of what we did: Todd had the chance to do some pantomime this last year and enjoys playing basketball on Monday nights at BFA, Debbie did 2 courses toward her doctorate and got trained as a Level 1 Discovery Therapist, Tyler continued piano and cello lessons and sang a solo at his school's open house, He also got his bronze lifesaving certificate from the Red Cross, Ian improved in soccer and school and has an abundance of friends, Joya is played violin in a German orchestra with Tyler and now is in the BFA orchestra, She is also doing piano lessons, Seth started piano lessons and is also playing soccer, Mercy learned to swim, jumped off the 10 ft. diving board and is

Our daily life.

reading well, Levi will start kindergarten in the fall, and Gracelyn is now walking and talking non-stop. We had birthday parties for most of the school age kids and invited all the boys or girls in their class over to us. We enjoyed going to Italy for a week to stay in a mobile home, kids participating in AWANA at BFA, dressing up in our Lucia outfits to sing for the local elementary school, Debbie loves her monthly book club, Our home is open for other kids to come and play and we enjoy having company come to us from Germany and Canada. We hope to have some visitors come from Sweden. Our focus these first years has been to get our kids integrated into the German culture, language and school. It is exciting to see the progress they have made.

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Mercy, Levi & Gracelyn Mercy learned to swim this year and started piano. Levi loves to help out at home and take care of Gracelyn who brings us all joy!	MUSIC Music is Tyler's passion--singing, drums, piano and cello.	SOCCER Ian has a new soccer coach and is getting to play at lot at his gamess!!	VIOLIN Joya is a big help with the little kids in the family.	Math Seth is doing well in school and math is his favorite subject along with sports.

CHANGE OF PLANS

We just got word a few weeks ago, that one of our supporting churches would not be visiting us this summer due to economic reasons and constructions workers out of work. This had been part of "tentative plans" for the past 2 years, and we had looked forward to

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having this time with them. We have an unfinished attic that we would like to convert to 2 bedrooms and a bathroom. Todd nor I have

office space in the house, or a quiet place to work, and we would like to move upstairs , giving us a guest room/bedroom downstairs.

Originally we thought we would put the project on hold, but a friend of ours has volunteered to come and help us put in windows so we can insulate our roof and hopefully cut down on our heating bill.

Open Invitation. . .

If anyone would like to help out on our project, please contact us. We can provide room and board for the time you come, and a chance to interact with our family and see our ministry up close. If you would be interested, please write us at one of our email addresses. The projects we are doing are leveling out part of the garden to provide a place for the children to play (We live on a very steep hill), leveling out our driveway, and finishing off the attic.



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