

News from Germany

Fear not, for I am with you.
Isaiah 41:10



Baby Update

We are as grateful as ever for God's healing on our baby! Thanks for your encouraging messages and prayers! I am now 9 months pregnant (due mid June). The doctors are pleased with how our baby is developing and how well the heart is working.

During our last appointment, doctors told us that the aorta looks better and may not require any surgery at all or maybe one operation, however they will be sure if the aorta has grown to the normal size after the baby is born. We continue to pray for the complete healing of our baby and put our trust in God who holds our little girl in His hands.

Dear friends,

We greet you from the beautiful province Hesse. We hope this finds you well? We would love to hear how you are doing. We too are still doing well and managing well during the Corona crisis so far. Thanks to grandma and grandpa (Catrin's parents) in the house, who have been a great help allowing us to be both family and do home office under one roof. Often our heads and hearts "switch" back and forth between Germany and Rwanda as we keep in contact with work colleagues, church, friends,..

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Moments and Impressions

The last months were filled with many moments and impressions. We would like to share some with you...

Adapting to new situations

As is likely to be the case for many of you, our work and family life has changed since the pandemic broke out. Much is now done digitally, so Manasseh and his team are using Zoom (video conferencing) for the Sunday services in Kigali. We are thrilled how interactive they are and every week different church members and pastors take over the reading, prayer, songs and sermon, from which a video is cut, which the congregation then watches online together on Sundays and then discusses, personally exchanges and prays together. The church house groups and discipleship training courses are now also running via Zoom (see picture below) and it feels good to be connected.



German learning

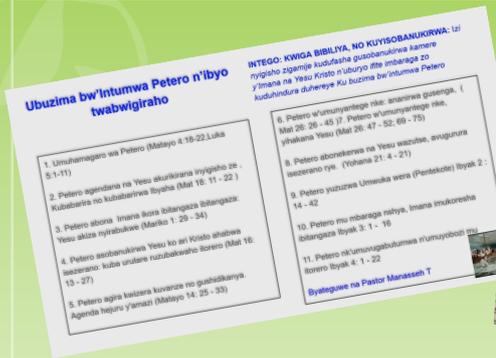
Manasseh has been taking German courses for some years; this week he managed to begin his advanced online course (B1). It is an answer to prayer that the enrolment at the Goethe Institute in Kigali has been successful and there are enough students (despite the Corona crisis) so that the course can take place. German is his 5th language and I am simply proud of my husband (see picture: 3rd from right)!



Enjoying nature

Our capital life in Kigali (approx. 1.2 million inhabitants) is usually characterized by a lot of people, traffic and hustle and bustle. Life "in the country" is so completely different during Corona times. We really enjoy the nature, walks, precious family time, Emily loves her chickens, sheep, pigeons, etc. and we notice how good a little slowing down does to regain our strength.





Current situation in Rwanda

When in Rwanda the first Corona case became known in mid-March the country closed all pre-schools, schools and churches immediately and the government let all people (as far as possible) work from home office. The consistent approach to contain the virus is paying off and Rwanda currently has 113 actively infected people (a total of 370 confirmed cases, 256 of which have recovered and 1 dead). But the pandemic is hitting the country hard, so that countless people who would normally earn a daily wage have lost their jobs overnight and whole families are struggling with hunger. Many communities in the Diocese of Kigali are collecting funds to pack food parcels for distribution to people in the surrounding area (see pic in the middle). Since a few days the

Since a few days the strict lockdown regulations have been eased a little bit, so that people are allowed to leave their property, more shops reopen and people are allowed to go back to work. The education team is currently working on packing the material boxes (see picture on the right) in order to give trainings in the pre-schools as soon as possible, even if these, schools and churches are officially closed until September. Manasseh is working with the main office team on how the various teams can implement the year's goals and projects - even under the very different conditions that this pandemic brings with it. Thank you for supporting our work! With love & blessings,

Manasseh, Catrin with Emily & Baby

You can support us by...

Prayer: Thank God for us being reunited and preserved as a family. Thank God for the new possibilities to pass on God's hope even in times of crisis. Please pray for the complete healing of our baby and a safe birth.

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