



North to Berlin

The last time we saw our kids and granddaughters in Berlin was in December. So when a window of opportunity opened to see them in August, we jumped at the chance. What a blessing to finally be with them in person! The Lord has given us many opportunities to learn by experience what workers on the field need to be healthy, and being with family is definitely one of them. We really want to emphasize that if you know of a field-based worker who may need to go home for a family visit, or would like their family to visit them in the country where they serve, please find a way to help them. It will make a huge positive impact for the kingdom. So, thank you to our team who supports us, including allowing us to travel to be with family both near and far. Since our kids in Berlin are missionaries as well, we were honored and thankful to be able to bless them with yard work, help with all the things that go with having three very active children, and giving mom & dad some time to be by themselves.

Ministry Planning in Köln



From Berlin we drove to Köln, Germany, for a weekend meeting with FMI Global Area Director Jeff Roper, his wife Debbie, and a ministry team of 3 other couples. Brandon and Marcie Brazee, FMI workers who live in Köln with their two children, hosted our meetings. It was the first time since February of 2020 that we were able to meet in person as a team, so it was a very special time for all of us. Face to face is the best! As a team we are working on ways we can better serve our workers in Europe ... before they get on the field, during their deployment transition, and after they arrive. Keep praying for this team to flourish and make a difference in the lives of our FMI workers who are already here, and those who are yet to come!

Sharing Is Caring?

We happened to be in Berlin when our oldest granddaughters had their first ever week in Kita (German preschool). We shouldn't have been surprised when both of them came home with sniffly noses. And of course they shared whatever they picked up with us! We haven't been sick for two years, but really got hit with this one! It didn't rear its ugly head until our last day in Köln. It took 10 hours (with lots of stops for us and slowdowns with road construction) to drive to Bratislava. Gary did all of the driving with a fever and feeling like a train hit him! We made it home and into bed ... and didn't leave for days. Of course, we tested for Covid and were negative, thankfully! Again, your prayers are much needed and helpful because of all the things that can come up on the field which make life more difficult. Praying for our health is no small thing. Thank you for every way in which you intercede for us!

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