



# THE MCCOLLUMS

## MISSIONARIES TO THE PEOPLE OF GERMANY

### ALL THINGS NEW

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Wow! It's hard to believe that we have been back in Germany for 7 weeks now. Time does fly when you are busy moving and getting settled in a new area. Here is what's happening as fall approaches:

#### NEW HOUSE

During July we slowly moved our things from the Belgium house to the new house in Velbert. During this time we were able to register at the town hall. This is necessary to be able to obtain Visas, get the kids into schools, and obtain internet and phone service.

We have spent most of the past few weeks installing lights, a kitchen (houses in Germany typically come without lighting or kitchens), furniture, and painting. We are just now feeling like we have settled in.

#### NEW SCHOOLS

As most of you know, public education is compulsory in Germany, meaning that homeschooling is illegal.

Hannah will be entering 5th Class here, which is the beginning of high school in Germany. High school typically goes from 5th-10th Class and there are also three levels of high school depending on the child's grades in their 3rd and 4th Class. Hannah's school has all three levels in one campus with a comprehensive curriculum, which means that she can be raised or lowered a level depending on her proficiency in different areas. One added blessing is that her teacher, new to the school this year, is an American lady! The school is also opening a brand new campus this year. Hannah is excited.

Adah and Torah will be in grade school in Velbert-Neuves and they are also excited to get back to a traditional classroom setting. Please pray for a hedge of protection over our children and that they will be a light for Christ.

#### NEW NEIGHBORHOOD

God has placed us in the city of Velbert, which has over 80,000 residents and is a suburb of Essen, which has over 580,000 people. Our neighborhood is full of younger to middle-aged families with many children that are similar in age to our children. In fact, our kids have already begun to make many friends, who show up at our door often to ask if they can come out and play. With two playgrounds nearby, there is plenty to do; and, more importantly, people to meet and reach.

#### NEW CHALLENGE

Planting a church is no small undertaking. It requires many things including planning, financing, and outreach.

The next real necessity on our list is finding the right meeting location. Our goal for Neues Leben Baptisten Gemeinde is to have an opening service in March of 2026, which will be a good lead in to the Easter season. Our prayer is that we will be able to secure a location by the end of 2025, so that we have time to prepare the meeting space for the opening. More importantly, we would like a good amount of time to get invitations and tracts out for that first Sunday.

We plan to have a few "Introduction" Days prior to the first service as a way for our community to get to know us and vice versa. We are excited about the

prospect of reaching this area with the Gospel. We have established a website already for the new church, and are brainstorming on ideas for these launch events. Please pray that God will provide the place to hold them in.

#### LABORERS TOGETHER

Last Sunday, we visited our friends, the Padillas, and attended service at Niederrhein Baptisten. Caleb will be preaching his first message back in Germany this Sunday. They have been seeing some faithful attenders at this relatively new work. Please pray that God will use them greatly to breakthrough with the Gospel in the area of Kempen/Duisburg.

Another future opportunity is collaboration on Family Camp with our former church, Bibel Baptisten in Bassenheim and Pastor Ed Taylor. This would also include Niederrhein Baptist and Freie Baptisten in Nidderau, with Pastor Michael Falkenberg.

We are excited for those who are willing to work together to reach the lost and edify the saints. We can't wait to get started on the planning of these future opportunities.

Thank you, again, for your faithful support and prayers. May God continue to richly bless you as you reach your Jerusalem for Him.

Für die Verlorenen in Deutschland,  
Caleb, Alicia, Hannah, Adah,  
Torah, Josiah, & Lydiah

## PRAYER & PRAISE

1) The people of Velbert/Essen to be open to the Gospel.

2) Provision for the right church building.

3) That God would build his church.

4) Protection for the hearts of our children as they begin the school year.

5) More labourers for this field.

6) A quick and uneventful VISA process.

7) Building good relationship with our neighbors.

Praises:

1. Move is complete.
2. Visa Documents have been submitted.

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