



Tim and Deb Brooks

January 2021

Dear Friends,

Items for praise

Praise the Lord that our Christmas carol service was able to go ahead despite Corona restrictions. We were not allowed to sing, but we managed to find a good selection of German carols on YouTube. We had eight people attend, which was encouraging under the circumstances. All of them were believers apart from possibly the two children of one family. It was good that Len was able to give the message in German, and most people volunteered to do one of the many Bible readings.

Give thanks that although none of the older local folk who usually attended were there, we were able to invite them and include an evangelistic letter and a Bible calendar. Several people contacted us to say thank you for the invitation.

Praise that Len and Phyl were able to return to Germany for the Christmas period and also visit their family in Switzerland.

Praise that several of the people who attended the carol service have since come to other services. These are Christians who would normally attend other churches where they are not currently meeting (except perhaps online) because of Corona, so we don't expect them to join us in the long term, but it is still encouraging to be able to have fellowship.

Give thanks that Tom and Esther should both be getting German nationality; they have been officially informed, but the office is closed until 10th January so it hasn't been finalized yet.

Praise God for His gracious provision throughout 2020 in spite of Corona and travel restrictions, as well as periods when we have been closed to all but business guests.

Items for prayer

Please continue to pray for us in view of both Brexit and the Corona crisis, that the Lord will show us the way He wants us to go. Now the Brexit transition period is over, Tim and Deb will need new residence permits. Pray for the Lord's hand on this.

Please continue to pray for health and strength for each one. Tim is still having physio for his shoulder, Tom is still out of action most of the time and we're running out of ideas as to help him, and Esther is finding the stress of the Corona situation plus applying for something to do next year is telling on her.

Please pray that Esther might be able to get an apprenticeship at a bakery not too far away if this is God's will. Her application to the one here in the village was rejected. If God has other plans for her life, pray that she might know His leading.

Please pray for wisdom for the Holders about the best time to return to England.

The following items from last month need continuing prayer please

- Prayer for the Lord's continuing help for the Brooks family in running the house and its ministry in 2021.
- Give thanks that Bible in Action Trust, which supports our ministry, has a new treasurer.
- Please pray that there will be steady improvement in the Corona situation so that people will feel confident enough to travel and that we might have guests during the spring.
- Please continue to pray for David Barnes' healing.

Love to all,

Deb, Tim, Tom and Esther



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