



## Happy Easter!

Dresden, January—March 2021

So much has happened since the year began! Thank you for continuing to be supportive. Your prayers for the ministry happening in Dresden are so appreciated. I pray this letter finds you and your family in good health.

While Germany continues to be in a fairly strict lockdown, we have been blessed to still keep Café Story open for take away. We have a group of moms who meet weekly for a coffee get-together outside our front door. It has been encouraging to be the place where they feel safe to come visit together. We now have several regulars who come to support us, share a smile, and use us as a place to still have some social interaction.

I celebrated my 33rd birthday in February. I had expected to spend the time alone because of the Covid-19 restrictions, but I was blessed to be surprised by one of my dearest friends showing up with presents! It was nice that my day wasn't forgotten and we had a good time discussing how God has been challenging both our lives. I think we both were encouraged that day.

I have taken advantage of the lockdown by "visiting" other churches. I've seen 8 other congregations' online Sunday services. I am interested in learning what has been successful for other groups during this time and possibly making future connections with other ministry partners.

While I write this letter, the Café is currently closed for renovations. Our local church partner has been active in blessing us with financial gifts to do some much-needed fixes. I pray that we can soon be open again to the public to come inside and see what we've done to make it more welcoming and cozy. It truly has been a labor of love with help from our team and family, members of the church, local friends, and a few enthusiastic professionals.

Please continue to pray for Germany as we still are under lockdown restrictions. I miss meeting together and am truly grateful for what interactions I have at the Café. Many people don't have that sort of outlet and are feeling very isolated and lonely. We pray that they can seek out Christ in this difficult time.

In Him,



The new Café renovations include a brand new floor!



Instead of baking full desserts, we are now making and serving them in individual take away containers.



The Café was given handmade Easter gifts from a mom and daughter in the neighborhood.

### Contact me while I'm here!

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### WHAT TO PRAY FOR!

- CAFÉ STORY
- HEALTH AND SAFETY
- LANGUAGE LEARNING
- GROWING NEW FRIENDSHIPS
- CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT