

## Christmas Time is Here

Dresden, October—December 2021

Frohe Weihnachten! This holiday season has been truly refreshing for me. I've been so blessed these last several months with amazing experiences with friends and family. Unfortunately, Germany is about to make some more major restrictions countrywide in response to Covid. I am glad God gave me a chance to truly feel encouraged before things get difficult again.

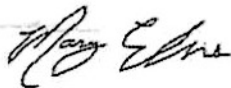
In October, I was able to take some vacation days. I visited other Kontaktmission missionaries working in France. It was encouraging to hear that some of their struggles and some of their joys are similar to mine. Working in ministry abroad can sometimes feel really isolating. It was great to spend time with people who understand and who also are just great friends. I also visited Paris and was blown away by the art, food, and new friends I made. Not long after my holiday, my parents came to visit! It was nice to relax and just spend time together.

In November, it was back to work, even though Germany had added new Covid rules by then. I thank God that I am healthy and vaccinated, so that I can continue to do the work He's called me to do without major restrictions. We also gained several new volunteers in the Café, who are working with another missions organization. It has been such a big help having more people working there! It gives the team more time to plan for more ministry opportunities, outside of just working at the Café.

I spent Thanksgiving with a mixed German-American family. It was so kind of my friends to let me join in with their family celebration! Also, explaining what is marshmallow sweet potato casserole to shocked Germans will be something I will never forget.

December is here and it brought a bit of a blue Christmas to Dresden. Unfortunately, Saxony had to close all their Christmas markets and large events are currently not allowed. There are also Covid restrictions again on how many people may join together at one time. That means that we had to cancel all of our outreach events. My Christmas may be small again this year, but I am forever grateful to all of you who support me. I hope you know that you are a part of spreading the Gospel story to all of those who come in the Café. Please pray that we see the fruits of God's work even in this challenging time.

In Him,




Two of the neighborhood tween girls decorated our Café's chalkboard with many kind messages about how much they love coming to Café Story.



Flying back from Paris and discovering you're sitting next to your good friend's husband. It led to a funny story at our joint Thanksgiving!



Visiting Berlin with some of the other team members. The tree and the menorah were both lit in front of the Brandenburg Gate.

**Contact me while I'm here!**

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## WHAT TO PRAY FOR!

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