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GOD WAS THERE LIKE THE BIRDS AND THE WIND—JANE GOODALL

German summers are rough on my body. The scorching heat within houses with no air conditioning, makes it hard to find any relief. I tend to do a lot of laying down in front of a couple of fans, with minimal lighting. When that soft wind cools my skin and helps to relieve my body, I am reminded of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is often described like the wind, a force we cannot see a physically manifestation of, but yet its effects are obvious. In the Hebrew Old Testament, the word *Ruach*

which is used to describe God's spirit translates directly to "wind" or "breath". This continues in the new Testament Greek word, *Pneuma*. Both words are used as a description of how God's spirit moves.

The weather is out of human control, just like the Spirit of God. He is the ultimate expression of freedom and uncontrolled spirit, yet He can also calm and cool the storms in our lives. It is only in His mighty presence can we truly find relief.

So the next time you step out of your home and you feel the blast of oppressing heat, remember to thank God for the breeze that follows. Remember that the pain from the burning sun will someday be erased by eternity in the cooling presence of the Spirit in heaven. Also be ready for the Lord, as you never quite know what path He is blowing you on to next.

The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." John 3:8

In Him,

Mary Ellis



Talking with the Zeal Dresden Leader, Fabian, after church.



The solar eclipse over Dresden in August.



Going to a concert in Munich.

LEARN GERMAN WITH ME

Eile mit Weile!
(eye-le mitt veye-le)

Literally: Hurry with leisure

Meaning: Similar to "Haste makes waste." The idea that rushing something will cause someone to make mistakes.



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SUMMER SCORCHER



Celebrating my
friend's birthday.



Cheering on my friend at
her new job as part of the
Saxony Police Orchestra.

While Germany tends to slow down with the summer heat, that doesn't mean I was not busy. Zeal started their summer with our annual church celebration, this year called Zeal Family Days. It was a camping trip that ended with an outdoor church service, where over a dozen people were baptized. It was great to see how God continues to be changing hearts in East Germany.

July was our church's summer pause. The whole church takes several weeks off; this practice is fairly common in Germany. Since so many people are gone on

vacation, they simply do not have enough people to run things. I actually took some of the time traveling with friends to a couple of concerts and celebrating one of the international leader's birthday.

August always has one of my favorite Sunday services of the year. On the 16th, was Dresden's *Stadtfest Gottesdienst*. This is a city wide, open air church service that takes place on a huge stage in the heart of the city during a festival, similar to a fair. It feels like every year it grows, and that is such an encouragement.

September started with a surprise, as I finally found a

new apartment! I currently am in the throws of packing and preparing to move. I am so thankful to God for leading me to this new space, perfect for hosting. If you are interested, consider yourself invited to come stay with me for a time in beautiful Dresden and experience the ministry happening firsthand.

In November, I will be back in the US for several weeks to visit supporters. Also, I will be attending ICOM (International Conference On Missions) in St. Louis, MO, from the 12th through the 14th. Please stop by the Kontaktmission booth and say hello! I always enjoy reconnecting with everyone and sharing about doing what I love in Germany.



Getting the
keys to
my new
apartment!



Stadtfest Gottesdienst

PRAYER REQUESTS!

- ZEAL CHURCH
- LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY
- CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT
- MY HEALTH
- MY FAMILY

CLEAR COMMUNICATION

This will probably be the last newsletter in this specific format, simply because Microsoft is retiring the software that I use. I will still continue to make physical newsletters to send, but this is a great time to remind you that I can electronically send them, as well. Simply email

me and I can switch you to the digital version.

I enjoy creating a quick overview and letting you in on what your support and prayers are doing for the Gospel in Germany. Even as the money

conversion rates get higher and prices everywhere change, I am blessed by so many people who know that investing in God's work is worthwhile. I want to be able to share the successes with all of you.