

# Rob & Lynnell Dodson US Military in Germany

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Dear Pastors & Prayer Partners,

Time has flown! It's hard to believe we've been in Germany for over a year now. We've experienced ups and downs, but God's blessings have been abundant. We look forward to the future with peace and gratitude, thanks to your prayers and support. Your kindness in checking in and visiting us means a lot.

As mentioned in our previous letter, many military families will be transitioning out, including Pastor Gib and Kathy Wood, who will be moving to the United States in September after 30+ years of faithful service. Pray for the Woods as they transition into their next chapter. Rob has been elected to the pulpit committee, which is a new experience for him. Please continue to pray for Rheinland Baptist Church (RBC) and the pulpit committee as they find the next pastor.

We had been praying many of the projects would be completed prior to RBC's Missions Month and the Euro-Wide Ladies Retreat (EWLR). Praise the Lord for the faithful servants who laboured to get titles replaced in the auditorium, repair the leaky roof on the annex building, repair the walls in the missions apartment, and spruce up the church property during the annual church-wide Spring Clean Up. A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers for their dedication and hard work!



It was a profound honor for the members of RBC to witness the baptism of a German man from Frieie Baptisten Gemeinde (FBG), a German church located on the RBC campus. Please keep this young man in your prayers as he embarks on his spiritual journey with the Lord.

We have been actively distributing tracts in the neighboring villages, primarily among US military personnel and Germans, though there are other nationalities present as well. Unlike in the United States, we are permitted to place tracts directly into mailboxes. Often, people are outside and inquire about our activities. We explain we are distributing invitations to RBC and FBG. This has created opportunities to share the Gospel with individuals. Sometimes, they accept the tract, read it, or ask us to place it in their mailbox. Recently, some individuals have shared they were contemplating ending their lives until we reached out to them. Please pray for us as we continue to distribute tracts in these villages and reach the lost.

Rob and the kids had the chance to meet a retired US military member at the base exchange. This individual, who resides in Germany, had previously visited RBC and was well-acquainted with Pastor Wood. Rob and Bob shared stories about their time in the service and their lives. It was truly wonderful to fellowship with another believer. **Please pray that Bob and his German wife will visit RBC again.** 

The children are always eager to find ways to serve the Lord. They were thrilled to assist Lynnell in preparing meals for a couple of military families at RBC as part of a Meal Train. We are deeply grateful for their willingness to be a blessing to others.





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We were grateful for the opportunity to visit two other ministry works serving US military personnel in Germany. Our first visit was with the Pilalas in Trier, where we shared experiences and encouraged one another. We also enjoyed exploring some local sites and savoring delicious German cuisine. Our second visit was with the Kitchens during their Spring Revival in Landstuhl, where we were blessed to hear inspiring messages from their guest speaker, Brother Garber from Texas.





RBC kicked off the month of March with its annual Missions Month. It was a wonderful and enriching experience! We heard from missionaries whom RBC supports from Belgium, France, Germany, Poland, Spain and more. Some spent all day Sunday with us, which allowed us the opportunity for fellowship and learning. The luncheons created a relaxed

environment to connect and share experiences. Additionally, missionaries join us live on Wednesday evenings through video calls to share their testimonies and updates on their ministry work. It's always uplifting to hear about the positive impact and progress being made in various fields of ministry.



We are immensely thankful to everyone who contributed to making the EWLR a remarkable event. The Dodson children were delighted to assist in assembling the program books once again this year, and we praise the Lord for their dedication to serving Him. Lynnell, Faith, and Hope played a significant role in decorating the auditorium, creating a welcoming atmosphere for the attendees. This year, 65 ladies were uplifted by our main speaker and the breakout session leaders, who provided inspiring messages and guidance. During the retreat, Nolan and Ryan assisted Rob in the sound booth and did an excellent job, ensuring everything ran smoothly. Lynnell and Faith also provided sign language during special music by the Ladies Retreat choir in the Sunday morning service. That Sunday afternoon, we had the opportunity to fellowship with the ladies from London, who were such a sweet group and a blessing to us. Please continue to pray for the future of the retreat and its impact on the lives of those who attend.





Despite our busy schedule, we moved to a village closer to RBC to reduce expenses. While the kids miss playing in the creek, they enjoy visiting the new landlord's horses. Rob and Lynnell became soccer/foosball parents as Hope and Ryan started playing the sport on base. They have adapted well, and we've had the chance to connect with coaches and parents, opening

doors to share our ministry. Please pray for opportunities to share the Gospel with these military families.

In Christ,

Rob & Lynnell Dodson & Crew

### **Praises:**

- Great 2025 March Mission Month and Successful Euro-Wide Ladies Retreat.
- Rob & Brendan's safe travels to the US.

## **Prayer Requests:**

- Prayer for Lynnell's healing & dealing with hypersensitivity.
- Our young adult children for wisdom/guidance & for salvation of our lost relatives.
- Upcoming youth camps in Belgium, Teen Back to School Bash, & VBS.
- Pulpit Committee; transition of Rheinland Baptist Church.