



Rob & Lynnell Dodson

United States Military in Germany

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Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

Greetings in the Lord! We trust you have experienced God's goodness over these recent months. We are grateful for His continued faithfulness and for your prayers, encouragement, and support. Your partnership enables us to continue serving the Lord and sharing the Gospel, and we thank God for each of you. We are excited to share a few of the ways He has been at work in the ministry here and at home.



We began the month of May with Rob, Faith, Nolan, Hope, and Ryan traveling to the United States for several special events. This mini furlough trip provided us with the opportunity to visit relatives, several churches, and to attend camp. During this time, one of our children was able to get a driver's permit before completing driving classes. Arriving in Florida was especially memorable as Grace was there waiting with Mom and Dad Phillips, along with our nephew, Cole, to welcome everyone. In the weeks to follow, Lynnell and Brendan were able to join us, and we looked forward to having more of the family together. Unfortunately, Lynnell could only stay a week and had to return to work.

As the weeks continued, Rob and the children had the opportunity to visit several of our supporting churches throughout Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, and Ohio. It was a blessing to reconnect with faithful friends, share updates on what the Lord is doing in Germany, and express our gratitude for their prayers and faithful support.

Several of these churches have welcomed new pastors since our last visit, giving us the opportunity to meet them, introduce our ministry, and share our burden for reaching the military community in Germany with the Gospel. We are thankful for the warm fellowship and encouragement received at each church.

One of the highlights of our travels was the opportunity for Rob to serve as the key speaker during a Mission Emphasis Sunday. It was a privilege to open God's Word, share the burden the Lord has given us for reaching the military community in Germany, and encourage believers to remain faithful in supporting the work of missions around the world. We left encouraged by the church's love for missions and thankful for the opportunity to be a part of their special day.



While in Florida, we were able to make a trip over to Pensacola. Rob & the kids enjoyed spending time with Bryce, while Grace reconnected with friends and attended graduation activities at Pensacola Christian College as she celebrated with several graduates, Faith and Hope were also able to spend time with a special friend, a fellow missionary kid from Germany, which was a wonderful reminder of the friendships the Lord has provided through ministry. Rob gave an update at a newly supporting church nearby.



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While on another church visit, Rob had the opportunity to present a ministry update and preach in the evening service. Lynnell, Grace, Brendan, Faith, and Nolan were also invited to sing a special. Although they had very little time to prepare, they quickly learned the song together, and the Lord richly blessed their efforts. Their message in song was a great encouragement to the congregation, and it was a blessing to see our family once again using their musical talents to glorify the Lord.



During the month of June, we had the opportunity to help with two Vacation Bible Schools. Ryan was able to participate as a student in one of them, while the rest of the family served in various areas to help make each week a success. At one of the VBSs, we were invited to participate in a special "Heroes Parade," which included missionaries, first responders, military, medical personnel, teachers, and even Marvel & DC comic heroes. It was a fun opportunity to encourage the children while also highlighting that everyone can serve the Lord and others

Another highlight during our time in the States was the opportunity for our teen children to attend a teen activity. The following morning, we were able to join an outreach ministry called M.O.V.E. (Ministry Outreach for Visitation, & Evangelism). It was encouraging to see approximately 50 people come together to serve in a variety of ways.



Some went door-to-door sharing the Gospel, while others distributed door hangers throughout the neighborhoods. Another group prepared postcards to be mailed to recent visitors to the church, and others helped staff a tent during "Food Truck Day" at a local park where Bibles and Gospel materials were handed out.

It was a wonderful day of serving together, and the Lord blessed the efforts. By the end of the outreach, 224 door hangers had been distributed, 170 postcards were prepared for mailing, and most importantly, three souls trusted Christ as their Savior. We are thankful for the opportunity to be part of a church actively reaching

their community with the Gospel.

On our way farther north, we made a stop in Tennessee to visit former members of Grace Baptist Church. It was a blessing to reunite with these dear friends, catch up on how the Lord has been working in their lives, and enjoy sweet fellowship together. We were also thankful for the opportunity to worship with them at their home church and be encouraged through the faithful preaching of God's Word. The visit was a refreshing reminder of how the Lord continues to knit hearts together, even across the miles.



Hope, and Nolan also took part in the vocal competitions, using their talents for the Lord. They have improved so much! Brendan and Ryan took in as many activities as they could during the week. The week concluded with 586 decisions, 15 of which were for salvation.

Throughout the week, we were challenged and encouraged by the faithful preaching of God's Word. It was a refreshing week of Christian fellowship, spiritual growth, and making lasting memories together. It was exactly what our family needed.

The remainder of June was spent visiting Dad Dodson and family, making the most of our time together before returning to Germany. We also took the opportunity to complete several repairs and perform routine maintenance on the two vehicles our children use while they are in the States.



Before we knew it, two months had come and gone. As always, one of the hardest parts of the trip was saying "see you later" and leaving some of our children behind as they continue following the path the Lord has for them. Although our hearts were full of mixed emotions, we are thankful the Lord gave us safe travels back to Deutschland. We arrived just in time to be back at Grace Baptist Church for the baptism of one of the young children in the church...a wonderful reminder that, even while we were away, God continued to work in the lives of those to whom He has called us to minister.

We count it a privilege to pray for those who faithfully stand with our ministry. If there is a specific request or burden you would like us to remember in prayer, please let us know. We would be honored to join you in bringing it before the Lord.

In Christ,
Rob & Lynnell Dodson

Praises:

- Thankful for another supporting church.
- Safety while traveling to the States, while in the States, and back to Deutschland.

Prayer Requests:

- Our adult children for wisdom/guidance for their lives; one of them needing a job and an apartment.
 - Lost relatives and our landlord & his family for salvation.
 - Dad Phillips: prayer for strength & rest (leukemia).
- Permanent Change of Station season. Several military personnel at GBC rotating out. Pray for visitors to join.
- Pray for our military deployed & those in our church continuing to work extended hours.