



One of my favorite plants at my house - the Bleeding Heart

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Pentecost has always intrigued me. One day, the sound of a rushing wind is heard throughout Jerusalem and gathers a crowd. What looks like small flames are resting on the apostles' heads and suddenly these men – some educated, some not – are speaking in multiple languages! People “from every nation under heaven” (Acts 2:5 ESV) could understand what these men were saying. This is one part that so amazes me. If you look up the percentage of people in the world that speak a second language, it's about 43%. That's *almost* half of the world population that speaks a second language! And unlike earlier in the history of the United States, only about 20% of Americans speak a second language – which could be why the account of Pentecost astounds me. After I have worked and studied so hard just to learn a second language, I am envious to hear that these men were gifted with the ability to say something and have it immediately understood by others of different languages!

We don't know how long their ability to speak in different languages lasted but we do know what the crowd heard about that day. They heard the Gospel, the Good News that Jesus died and rose again for them and all people. Perhaps this is why I was drawn to mission work – to tell others about Jesus and His saving work in their own language. Will I suddenly become fluent in Farsi if I stand in a field and let the wind gust about me? Probably not. Will I have to work really hard and study a lot to become fluent? Most definitely. But I'm not alone as I work to learn this new language. I'm not alone when I tell others about Jesus. And neither are you. God is always right there with us. He has sent His Helper, the Holy Spirit, to help us. “For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself” (Acts 2:39 ESV).



Enjoyed a hike with this sweet Dachshund!

Please Pray for:

- All those throughout the world caught in the middle of political unrest - especially the people in Israel and Palestine
- All who are struggling with grief

Give Thanks for:

- God gifting us with His Holy Spirit at Pentecost
- You and others who pray for and support me in serving the Lord

The English Conversation Class I co-hosted with missionary Cindy Wrucke ended this month. What a blessing that was! This class was very different from the first one we hosted back in the Fall. This time around, there were more countries represented which is always fascinating. Many of our students are also students at the Lutheran seminary, known as the Luther Academy, in Riga, Latvia where some of our LCMS missionary pastors teach. There were lots of great conversations among the students and their English tutors and one student/tutor pair even decided to read through "Pilgrim's Progress" by John Bunyan together to help with English pronunciation! Though English-speaking levels varied and there were numerous cultural differences, the one uniting factor was everyone's shared faith in Christ.

I have also been assisting the Luther Academy as they plan a weeklong intensive study course in Wittenberg, Germany. I am so excited for this course to take place in early November of this year - hopefully everything will be mostly open by then! Professors and students from all over the world will come to the Old Latin School to learn and grow as they work towards becoming pastors. I will be assisting in several ways, but I'm most excited about researching and coordinating a capstone field trip to another city in the area at the end of the week. Since I haven't spent much time in any of the East German cities, I look forward to learning more about this part of the country!

Thank you for joining me on this journey of serving refugees in Germany. God has truly blessed me by placing you in my life!

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