



The Wasserbürg Castle - one of many castles I visited when I lived in Germany back in 2017

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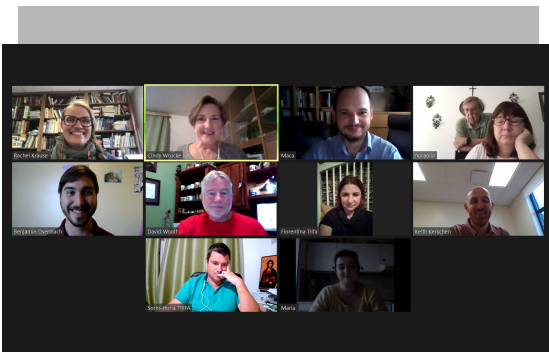
I'd love to set up a time to talk with you!

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My home church urges people to memorize a Bible verse each month. For the last few months, we've been working on memorizing 1 Peter 5:7-9, adding a new verse each month. These verses seem appropriate not only for what we are going through with this pandemic but also for the month of October when we celebrate the Reformation. In verse 7, Peter writes: "Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you." (NIV) God DOES care for you! He shows that care by sending Jesus as our Savior. And we don't have to do anything to make God care for or love us - it is through His grace alone that we are His treasured possession! And because He loves and cares for us so much, we can give Him all our worries and anxieties and solely focus on God and loving our neighbors.

Peter continues in verses 8 & 9: "Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in your faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings." (NIV) There are times when it feels like I am the only one facing temptation. I feel alone and weak. I know that's not true - EVERYONE faces temptation. But we don't have to face these temptations alone. God fights for us and with us. In the Reformation hymn, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, Martin Luther describes how "the valiant One, whom God Himself elected" fights for us (vs. 2) and "helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken (vs. 1)." Even when the devil is prowling around looking to devour us, "We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpower us" (vs. 3) because the devil cannot harm us. God has already defeated the devil and his minions, "one little word can fell him (vs. 3)." Though we are still tempted, we can turn to God, our Fortress, who will keep us firm in our faith in Him throughout our time here on earth.

God does not only fight for us and with us, He also gives us His Word, Scripture - the sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17 ESV), to help us in our fight against Satan. God also gives us the gift of fellow believers. Though some of us may not be able to relate to being persecuted for our faith, we all experience temptation. Right now, we are all experiencing the pandemic and the effects it is having on the world. God has not left us alone in the world! As brothers and sisters in Christ, let's build each other up, helping each other stand firm against temptation and the devil, reminding one another that God cares for us through all situations and that through Him, "our vict'ry has been won; The Kingdom ours remaineth" (*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, vs. 4).



A picture of the entire English conversation class

Photo credit: Cindy Wrucke

Please Pray for:

- All those who are dealing with the rise in positive Covid cases around the world
- Continued patience as I wait for borders to reopen

Give Thanks for:

- New friendships formed through the English Conversation classes
- You and others who pray for and support me in serving the Lord

What a joy it was to assist fellow missionary, Cindy Wrucke with her English conversation class on Zoom these past few weeks! The five week long class flew by so quickly! We began each week as a large group, checking in to see how everyone was doing then saying a prayer for a productive class. The English tutors and their students would be placed into breakout groups for one on one conversations. Cindy and I took turns going into each breakout room to see if anyone needed help. It was so wonderful to see everyone make connections and form relationships! At the end of each session, we were brought back together in a large group. There was time for sharing, a poll asking how the class went that day, and then a volunteer from the class would read Luther's Evening Prayer. Please keep all the students in your prayers as they continue learning English.

Learning Farsi

I am still trying to master the Farsi alphabet. There are some letters that always seem to trip me up when I practice - mostly because the troublesome letters all look the same except for the placement of some dots! Since I am not very familiar with the language, I want to get a feel for how it is spoken so I've been listening to Pastor Hugo Gevers' recorded sermons in Farsi. Pastor Gevers, the pastor at St. Lukaskirche, translates all his sermons to Farsi while I continue to translate his sermons from German to English. If you would like to hear and read the sermons, go to www.die-bruecke-leipzig.de → on the left side of the page, look for the box that says "Predigten" then scroll down to click on "Predigten im Kirchenjahr 2019/2020."

Here are some new words I learned:

Head = سر (sar)

Earth = زمین (zahmeen)

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