

# SHIPMAN FAMILY

## GERMANY



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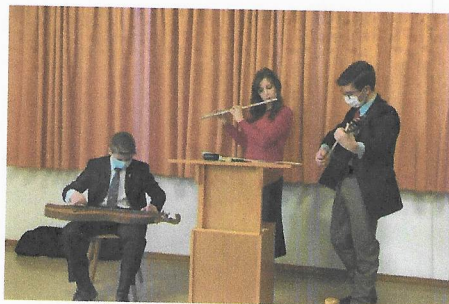
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Dear Pastor and Friends,

We hope you all had a blessed Christmas! Regardless of the surrounding circumstances, God is always good and it is a privilege to serve Him every day of the year.

Many of you sent us Christmas card greetings, mail packets for the boys and special Christmas offerings. We are very thankful for each gift and remembrance of our family for Christmas.

Our state of Baden Wurttemberg has had three new layers of stricter lockdowns since mid-November. That has made us get more creative with our services. Since we are banned from singing, we have been having different families and groups pre-record the congregational songs with the piano and vocals. That was a surprise for the members the first time, but they were so excited by this “development” that we immediately had volunteers for the future recordings. The congregation hums along during the playing of each, but there is no holding back our new Christian, Frau R, who is 89 years old, from singing, mask and all!! That sure is a blessing. Caleb (dulcimer), Shay (flute) and Clay (guitar) played a special for church (photo). We have to wear masks the entire time from the moment we leave our cars until we get back into our cars. The exceptions are if we are drinking/eating or for the person behind the podium. That was a tremendous help to me. We weren't aware of the last exception and I preached three sermons with that thing on! I felt as if I would pass out at one point and had to frequently tug to get a gulp of fresh air. Pray for us as we continue to preach, teach, disciple and stuff mailboxes with tracts.



The Lord blessed and Joanna was able to come home for Christmas! This was her first-time home in 2,5 years. The Lord miraculously allowed the timing for each phase of her trip to work out like a fine choreographed act. Where others were being hindered, the Lord graciously allowed her to just miss a closing or lockdown for each leg of her flights here and back. She was able to rest, reconnect with former friendships and generally just be a blessing to her family! We miss her much. Please pray for her as she has started her Spring semester, but 6 days after returning to school, had to have an appendectomy. Her recovery is taking a little longer than normal and is hindering her ability to do her campus job which in turn affects her ability to meet her school bill.

Jacob and Shay made it safely to Germany! They were able to time their arrival so that they avoided having to meet a new visa requirement that went into effect January 1, 2021. After four weeks of diligent searching, they were able to find an apartment and are integrating right into the ministries of the church. Thank you for remembering them in prayer and please continue to do so as there is still much to do.

In Christ,

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Missionary in Germany