
THE DEAN NEWS

A Summer of Change

Here we are moving from one season to the next and for our little family we are doing the same thing in ministry.

We have been back in Germany since the end of March and were so happy to be back in our own house and in our own beds after being gone for more than 7 months. It was an amazing and encouraging time but there is no place like home, and Germany is certainly that for us.

After taking a little time to resettle we dove right back into the swing of things at the YWAM base. I (Gillian) started a children's program so our little ones could be close to us, have fun, and learn as we serve the Lord. Matt went back to the maintenance team to design a structure that could efficiently run without him and, though it was not the plan, I started running the base kitchen once again. All that on top of planning for the School of Worship that we are running in September.

It has been crazy busy! So much so that we took our first holiday in almost 4 years of marriage to try and make sure we weren't going to burn out.



Something's Got to Give

But now it is summer and too close to the school to keep up all these things going all at once with any effectiveness. So we changed things. We are slowly but surely passing off our other responsibilities so we can focus solely on the school and the many, many tasks and responsibilities that come with that.

It has been a full time of learning curve and 'trial and error', especially since Elaina comes to work with us everyday. Balancing work and family when they are all in the same place is a skill we are working on.

The Goal

Its easy to loose sight of why we do what we do when there are so many daily tasks that demand your attention. But we continue to focus on why we are here and what God has for us to do. We know that He has brought us to Germany to be equipped for missions and to equip others. With School of Worship that is specifically in leadership and longevity; Learning to worship God through all circumstances and to live the Great Commission wherever we are.

This is what we want our students to walk away from the school with, the knowledge that God does not change and is worthy of worship even if our circumstances change, and the tools



Prayer Requests

WISDOM, WE HAVE A GOAL AND WANT TO DO WELL BUT NEED WISDOM AS WE PASS ON RESPONSIBILITIES AND AS WE SEEK GOD IN WHAT HE WANTS US TO DO WITH THE SCHOOL.

ENERGY, WE HAVE BEEN PUSHING IT PRETTY HARD THE LAST FEW MONTHS AND NEED TO PRIORITIZE SOME MORE SELF CARE. THERE ARE SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN SO MANY MINISTRIES HERE, WE JUST HAVE TO FOCUS AND DO WHAT GOD TELLS US TO DO, NOT EVERYTHING WE THINK WE SHOULD DO.

MORE STAFF, MATT AND I CAN'T RUN THIS SCHOOL ON OUR OWN. WE NEED AT LEAST 2 OR 3 MORE STAFF MEMBERS TO DO IT WELL AND THERE IS ONLY ONE STEPPING UP RIGHT NOW. PRAY THAT THE RIGHT PEOPLE FEEL A CALL TO JOIN AND HAVE A PASSION FOR WORSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP.



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That's about it for now. We pray this little letter finds you all well and enjoying a beautiful summer. Thank you for your support and prayers. We do this together as The body of Christ and we are so thankful for each of you!

Matthew, Gillian, and Elaina Dean