



# Evans on Mission

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## OUR RETURN TO GERMANY

We have gone from hearing we had to stay in the states for an entire year, to finding out we are able to return to Germany in August!! Needless to say it has been a roller coaster of emotions with plans changing and changing again. We have prayed that God would show us clearly His best plan for us. We thought we were staying till December and homeschooling in the fall. Then, we had an offer to go to Ethiopia for the fall to help with a work there. Finally, we got the news that we were cleared to return to BFA for the fall semester. Of course, this is our hearts' desire. Lee is excited to get back and launch into the middle school chaplain role, and Emmalee is dying to get back in time to begin middle school with her friends. We have tickets to leave Aug. 11th, once our whole family has received medical clearance from the IMB." Please pray medical clearance comes quickly!! It will be difficult to say goodbye again, especially since we thought we had more time. We will miss our family and wonderful friends here in Texas, but it is time to resume our life where God has called us.

## SUMMER IS A SPLASH!

With San Antonio temperatures climbing daily to 100 degrees, water fun is the best way to spend time. We are so very grateful for our pastor and his wife who have given us their house complete with a swimming pool for us to use while we are in Texas. The kids have become fish in a matter of months. They have all enjoyed diving off the board and learning flips. Both Emmalee and Caylie had pool birthday parties and Nathaniel's is still to come. Also, some dear friends gave us season passes to Splash Town, where the kids proved their fearlessness by careening down steep, curvy water slides screaming with delight the whole way. Thanks so much to the many friends and family who have given in so many ways to make our summer a fun one with lots to do: from hosting parties and dinners to special gift cards to Sonic and other places, we appreciate your generosity so much.



## VISITORS FROM AFAR

We have had two teens staying with us over the past 3 weeks. Judson is a BFA student we have known for the past 5 years. He came to stay a week with us after graduating from BFA. Daniel is a German teen who we met when we worked at an English camp a few summers ago. He came for 3 weeks and spent one of those weeks with our church Parkhills Baptist at a Student Life camp. He had a great time with the American teens. Both guys attended our church youth group and commented on the warmth and friendliness of the group. Our hats are off to you Parkhills youth and workers!! We took these guys to the typical San Antonio sights: the Alamo, River walk, and Fiesta Texas. Our kids really enjoyed having big brothers again for awhile. We pray God blesses them in their next endeavors.

## THE FINAL STRETCH



With our stateside assignment nearing the end, there is much to do. Lee is in Ft. Worth for the first two weeks of July attending seminary classes. Then comes the task of packing up and cleaning out the pastor's house. We will stay with Laurie's mother during August while we finish packing and load our crate. We still have many friends we want to spend time with, so we will fill up the social calendar. We also have more doctor and dental appointments to complete. We want to spend more time with each of our families as well. Life gets so busy here with sports, camps, and other activities. Time will be up in the blink of an eye. Please pray for peace for each of our mothers, as we must say goodbye, yet again. Please pray for peace for us as the pace quickens and we try to get it all done.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY

Our church had a beautiful Independence Day celebration recently. It included the recognition of those in the armed forces, the singing of the National anthem, and a touching slide show of some National highlights. It was a lovely reminder of how blessed we are to be a part of this nation. Last year, in Germany, our July 4<sup>th</sup> cookout got rained out. It rained so hard Lee and a (Canadian) friend had to hold a plastic table cloth up to block us from the freezing, horizontal, driving rain. It is good to be here in the land of liberty to celebrate this year with bright sunshine, flag t-shirts, fireworks, and a hometown parade at Laurie's sister's house in Dallas. God bless America!

### PRAISES

Permission to return to Germany in August  
Great visits with our students  
Enjoying family and friends  
Our wonderful home church

### PRAYERS

Medical clearance to come soon (we aim to leave August 11)  
A good time for Lee in seminary (the right schedule for his degree completion)  
Good closure with our Texas loved ones  
Salvation for our German student friend and his family (a church and youth group connection)  
Ease in final packing, moving, and travel  
For safety, on time flights, good layovers, and everyone able to get some rest on the plane.  
Good transition to life back at BFA and Germany