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Dear Family & Partners,

In just a couple months, we will head over the ocean with two little boys. That should be quite the plane ride!!! (The first time we traveled with Jonathan, a lady tried to change her seat to one far away from us. Eleven hours on a plane next to a 3 year-old was not my idea of fun either, and I was kind of wishing I could go sit with her!! No luck for her, but twice during the flight she told me how well-behaved Jonathan was!) I would really appreciate your prayers for our boys. Such a long stretch away from all that is familiar to them, in their little world here in Tribuswinkel, promises to be full of fun ... but can also be difficult. Jonathan is still adjusting to us having moved one whole block away from our former home last August. Last week he asked if we could do a “re-move” ... explaining to his puzzled mother, that after a family moves they can do a *re-move* – which is to go back and live in their old house again!

We are looking forward to time with our family, friends, and churches. For just over three months, and covering many miles, we hope to be a part of your lives, close-up and personal ... to be in your homes, see how big your kids have grown, share more than just a glimpse into your joys, sorrows, challenges, and of course, your favorite foods, big grocery stores, and endless sales on children’s clothes!!!

Jonathan starts first grade in September, so this is the last year we can begin furlough during the school year. In fact, days after our return, Jonathan will dive into a new school, immersed in German (after three months of only-English), and, prayerfully, recovered from jetlag.

We head to California first, to spend time with our churches in LA (Calvary Community) and San Diego (Skyline), then slowly make our way East until we visit all of our four churches, meet our new grand-daughter, attend two family weddings and the Baker reunion, spend a week at our supporting Camp-of-the-Woods, speak in many care/ home/ growth groups, and step (for a short time) into the midst of your lives. We are praying for many ministry opportunities amongst you, so that we can invest into and bless your lives directly, for a change. It’s never long enough, but we treasure what time the Lord might allow with you, and trust Him to multiply its impact – and to deepen our relationships with, and love for you all. Pray with us, too, for the logistics – housing, transportation, ministry appointments, support raising, etc.

At the end of March, I will attend a leadership training weekend for the women’s ministry I am involved with, *Hope for the Wounded*. My co-leader from our present session is coming too, along with two of the women from the group – in whom we see good potential for leading future groups. Exciting steps forward. We hope to have more groups starting in the Fall, in our local church and across Vienna.

I was just invited to speak at a women’s retreat in Poland at the end of April. Warren has known the pastor and his family for many years, and I have had the blessing to be a part of one of their summer camps in 2003, and visited them in Poland several years ago. Warren and the boys will “hold the fort” here, while Mom (for a change) is the one to head out.

Keep Warren’s upcoming travel ministry for mentoring and prayer summits, the Vienna “city-reaching” initiative, and Little League baseball in your prayers as well.

We are so grateful for each one of you, and thank God for your faithful love, intercession, and support. We pray that we can return just a little bit of that loving care, in-person, this summer.

John 11:25-26

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Leanne & Warren, + Jonathan + David