

# The Weise Family



Samuel a day after his birth getting ready for his first operation.

**returning the life-transforming message to the land of the Reformation**

Dear praying friends,

Thank you for upholding us in prayer over the last months! We had so many things happening here, we feel we almost have to reintroduce ourselves.

Knowing that we would have a lot going on this summer, we had prayed for the right help, and the Lord sent her in the form of Elizabeth Van der Wal. I had known the family from my sending church in Flemington, NJ, and she had taken 2 years of German in high-school and was looking to use it over the summer. Well, she could practice it here and we could use her as she watched our children during the long time at the hospital – to which we come next.

On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Samuel David was born, and, as expected, had a heart defect known as TGA (Transposition of the Great Arteries). Thankfully, through many 3-D ultrasounds, we already knew about the problem, and had made plans to stay at the Ronald McDonald House in Kiel very close to a hospital that specializes in children's cardiology. On August 8<sup>th</sup>, Samuel underwent a 5 hour heart surgery. Thankfully, the Lord saw fit to heal his little body quickly, and we all went home on August 19<sup>th</sup>. During this time, we were able to witness to numerous people who we never would have met had we not been there.

The day before Samuel's heart operation, Volker and the children were in a car accident. Thankfully, everyone was ok, but the car was totaled. We were without a car for almost 2 weeks when we heard that there was a very generous brother in Christ who wanted to sell us his vehicle for \$9,000, even though it is worth much more. We were prepared to pay that much for this vehicle. Praise the Lord for His provision!

In addition to the new baby and new car, God provided us with a new house to move in just two weeks after we went home from the hospital. The church here really pitched in, and we had all of the furniture and boxes moved into our new house within 7 hours. After looking for over 2 years, the Lord gave us a house that fits our needs perfectly and is much closer to the church, and we are truly thankful for how He has provided.

As all of this has been going on in our lives, the church received a note from the owners of the building that we rent that said our rent would go up about \$1000/ month. The Lord directed all of us to look at our giving, and we received pledges to increase the giving by \$1200/month! Praise the Lord for His answer to prayers. We still have to decide what form the new contract should take, but we sense the Head of the church (Christ) pointing us toward continuing to rent the facility as we have been.

The ministry continues to confront people with the need to change, and it receives differing responses. In our last letter, we mentioned a family who left the church. They have since relocated and there have been no further issues with them. On the other hand, we had over the summer 3 single men starting to attend our church regularly (Andre, Lukas, Roy).

A few weeks ago, we participated in the first wedding in the church since we started ministering here 5 years ago. Kristina, who had been active in our church, married a young man from Switzerland and followed him there. She will be missed here, but, having shared in the premarital counseling with them, we are looking forward what the Lord has in store for them there.

The regular ministries are picking back up after the summer. We are getting ready for our VBS, which we put in our fall break from October 9-13. The theme this year is Fruit Inspection – the Secret of the Fruit, using the Fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22. We have changed the parenting class to a marriage class, and hope to extend the blessing to other couples that have not previously attended, as well as continue to build stronger families.

As you can see, a lot is going on here in Hamburg and we are thankful for your prayers! The church has been a great blessing during this time and we are looking forward to seeing the Lord continue to work in and among us.

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**Prayer requests:**

- For unsaved visitors to come to our friend day October 23
- For VBS October 9-13 (our preparation and that the right children would come)

**Praises:**

- ✓ We have a now healthy, new child, a new home and a new vehicle