

Pray with us:

- We thank God that Josh and Tabea's wedding was so wonderful and joyful!
- Please pray for Karin's Cochlear Implant surgery on May 9th. Pray for the doctors and for a quick recovery!
- Pray also for Karin's health. She has joint pain in her feet and more than short walks are difficult.
- Pray for our visits to various churches, that we can minister and bless when we preach. Pray we can be a blessing when we visit family and friends.
- Pray for finances for the church in Dueñas and for Juan Carlos and Miriam who lead the church.



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On the go with the Bedfords

Word by Heart (by Joe)



evening, she was optimistic (and I was relieved!).

The next day, Karin presented the text expressively and with few errors. I think she did better than I and she is a good story-teller! And that is the goal, to share what we've learned and get people to listen to God's Word and see lives transformed.

Our base in Guatemala is thinking of starting a Word by Heart school (which is 3 months long!). Please pray for God's guidance and grace.

These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Deut 6:6 (CSB)

We want to treasure His Word in our hearts, and share it more and more with others. We pray that you do, too. And we need to encourage and challenge each other to grow.

Thanks for your prayers and support!

God bless you all!

Joe and Karin

"I can't!" Karin said with tears in her eyes.

We were at the YWAM base in Altensteig, Germany, attending the Word by Heart seminar. Bruce Kuhn, the leader of the seminar, assured us that we could learn Biblical texts word for word without the strenuous work of the typical rote learning methods. The first few days were wonderful! We got into the details of the story and imagined the scenes in creative ways. Then we practiced various times with different partners, remembering parts the story while citing it from memory. Then it was time to present the whole text in front of the others. Almost 2 pages long!

While practicing, I found it difficult. Karin was totally frustrated! "I can't do it and don't you try to make me!" I was taken aback and quietly suggested that she talk to one of the leaders. That evening, Nina helped Karin create a sketch with symbols to represent the content and flow of the text. That



Family News from Germany (by Karin)



It so nice to be in Germany during Springtime, seeing all the blossoms lit up with the warm light of the sun! We experience it more intensely now, since Guatemala doesn't really have seasons.

We arrived in Germany at the end of March and we have been to various churches. Joe has been preaching with Samuel together and that's something special. Samuel has been now 5 years in YwaM Tokyo in Japan. This week they taught on God's holiness and the call of God for our lives, based on Isaiah 6. God reveals Himself to us, cleanses us and calls us to be part of His work in our everyday lives.

We are so thankful for our church in Kitzingen—the friendships through the years and the sharing of visions for serving and loving our God! We visit home groups and friends and eat, talk and pray together. It's wonderful!

We celebrated Josh and Tabea's wedding in April. It was so beautiful and a lot of fun, too! We had a wonderful week afterward visiting my mother with Samuel and Sarah. We got to congratulate her on her 96th birthday!

This week, I will be undergoing a cochlear implant surgery, this time on my left ear. It's such a blessing to hear better!

Pray that all goes well and that God guides the doctor's hands.

God is good and we continue to pray for all of you!

Karin and Joe



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