

Dear Council of Lutheran Women,

Greetings from Oberursel, Germany!

Thank you very much for all your prayers and financial aid. We really appreciate it, especially in these uncertain times and with a growing family.

I'm writing to you in the final weeks of my first semester at the Lutherische Theologische Hochschule. It was tricky planning our trip here, and when we were finally able to fly we quickly left before anything changed. Thanks to the school community we settled in well and were able to spend a few weeks traveling in the area.

When school started at the end of October the Covid situation prompted many restrictions. Since the school here is so small, we were able to have in-person classes for most of the semester. We are now online. With my college background in German I was able to jump right into classes, taking as many as I wanted based on my interests. My studies here have been very fruitful so far!

As a family we've been enjoying the area quite a bit. We are benefiting from the daily chapel services, a nice change from last year's lockdown. With our apartment bordering a beautiful forest, we spend a lot of time outside going down new paths in the woods. Another joy has been the new friends we are making. Our daughter Elsie loves playing with her friends on campus, and she loves to play in all the snow we've been getting.

But most exciting to us is that Abby is due to give birth to our son on February 24th. For this we especially ask you for your prayers! I will write to you with an update when the time comes!

Joy!

Dylan, Abby, Elsie, and baby

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