



What's Happening with Hannah?

Christmas in Michigan | As I am hoping to be able to leave in the spring, this will be my last Thanksgiving, birthday, and Christmas in Michigan for a while. I'm really focusing on being intentional with my time and enjoying the time spent with family and friends. In training, we talked about saying "good goodbyes" to people, places, and things. I think I also need to say a good goodbye to these holiday traditions. The next time I am home for the holidays, those special times will likely look different. There also may be sister-in-laws or nieces and nephews to get to know, and my siblings and their families may live farther away.



Grand Rapids is having its very first Christkindl Markt this year. The event coordinators visited Christmas markets all over Europe to make this one "authentic" – which is a job I would have volunteered for. It also means this market is a mishmash of many European countries' Christmas markets. But it has been a neat thing to go to after visiting them in Vienna and as I look forward to Vienna's next year. You should have seen the line that formed so rapidly just after I took this photo! This was a very attractive booth.

At my Home Church | Another thing that may happen in early spring is the completion of my home church's building. Yesterday, we assembled fifty cookie plates to be distributed with letters and books to contractors helping with the build and to our church's neighbors. The houses around our church are all new and were being built and moved into when we bought the golf clubhouse which is becoming our church. It was so natural to get to know our neighbors.

I've enjoyed attending my home church on the Sundays in December. Usually, I'm only there one Sunday a month. It has been so wonderful to celebrate the birth of Christ with my own church family. I've been able to join the worship team again, even if I was a last-minute sign-up that threw our worship leader a bit off balance! You have to shake things up a little. 😊



In January, I'll be visiting different churches again on Sundays. I am loving being back in my home church, but I also find it so exciting when I get to worship with a new body of believers. Even if we don't continue forward in any type of relationship, I love hearing about how God is using them in their local community. I love even more knowing that one day we will all worship together again at the foot of the throne.

Support Committed | My committed monthly support is around 61%. My missions coach and field leaders are having conversations about what needs to be done if I am, in fact, ready to leave in the early spring. What is exciting is that there is another new team member and an intern both also heading to Austria, and it looks like a possibility that we may all arrive around the same time. How exciting would that be!

To leave for Austria, my monthly budget and my outgoing budget do both have to be at 100%. **If 39 people or families joined my financial partnership team giving \$75 a month, my monthly budget will be at 100%.**

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- joining my financial partnership team at \$75 a month or any other amount.
- giving a one-time gift. These, as well as committed recurring gifts, are what grow my outgoing budget.
- praying for me and letting me know how I can pray for you!
- connecting me with someone you know that may also be interested in hearing about what's going on in Austria.
- introducing me and my future ministry to your pastor or missions team. I'm willing to email, drive, zoom, phone, or mail information to them or you if that would be helpful.

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Please pray and give praise:

- I completed allergy testing recently and found that some of my allergies have changed. I am no longer allergic to cashews but am still allergic to hazelnuts. If it were the other way around, life in Austria would be easier, because they do really enjoy hazelnuts! However, it was still good to get tested, and I was surprised by a couple other changes in allergies.
- On a related note, a big praise has been the ability to get appointments scheduled with certain doctor's offices before I leave, especially as some have stopped taking my insurance and I've needed to search for new ones.
- Please pray that I would continue to trust in God's providence and timing, and that I would be an obedient and faithful worker. New things will now be added to my to-do list in anticipation of leaving in the spring, and though this is very exciting, I'm still not 100% supported.

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