

Two weeks ago, I flew to Pheonix, Arizona, to take the A1 German language exam. I need to pass this in order to get my residential visa. The exam was early in the morning, so it was very nice that it was in a time zone a few hours behind my own.

Grade: befriedigend

They had told us after testing that it would take a full two months to receive our results. I had wondered if it would really take this long; however, there was a

person in my testing group who had taken this test earlier this year. He told us it had indeed taken eight weeks for his result to be posted. I was thankful to have been warned about the lengthy wait and prayed for patience. However, on a whim, I decided to login today and check to see if the grade was posted early. And it was! As you can see, it was *befriedigend* (satisfactory) – I passed!

This past weekend was my dad's birthday. So, there is plenty of ice cream in the house with which to celebrate. I may even top it with a birthday candle!

Thank you so much for praying for this exam. There were parts of the trip that were a bit stressful, but I was able to get a good night's sleep and arrived at the testing location ready to go.

I also misunderstood how one of the portions of the exam was being administered, since it had not been explained that way in any of the practice tests I'd done online. My own failure to listen well to instructions cost me some minutes of time on the reading portion of the exam. However, I realized my mistake and was able to get over my sense of panic and continue taking the test with a level head. I suppose I've relearned the importance of listening carefully to instructions, even when you believe you already understand what is expected of you.

Something else that I had requested prayer for was that God would grant me peace and patience as I waited for my results. I have had peace these last two weeks. But he also answered this prayer request in a way that I never would have thought to ask: the exam was graded much faster than predicted!

Please pray and give praise:

- Join me in praising God that my A1 language exam results came in early and that I will not have to retest. This removes a big item from my to-do list and is also a big encouragement as I continue learning the German language.
- Please pray for God to continue to connect me with churches and individuals who are able and willing to partner with me financially and/or in prayer.
- Please pray for those in Vienna. The recent terrorist plot that was uncovered and foiled before it could be enacted was certainly scary. Join me in praising God that it was discovered, and no one was hurt. Please pray that this may be something that reveals to people the finiteness and sin of man and our need for a Savior. May it be the start of a great Gospel conversation.
- Next week, the Austrian Student Mission is hosting its Summer Days seminars, which is for students, academics, and families. Please pray for those speaking, that they will present the truth of Scripture accurately and clearly.