

The Murdock Family

Church Planting Missionaries to Germany

James 1: 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning



At the beginning of February, Augustine, a man from Ghana, visited our church for the first time. Since then, his wife, Pricilla, moved to Germany with him. Three weeks ago, they had their first baby. This sweet boy is the first baby born into our church family! We shared that it is our tradition to bring a meal to families that have a newborn. They told us that it is their custom to host a feast for their company when a child is born. They invited us into their home, and Augustine made us the most delicious meal, Jollof. It is a traditional meal of fried chicken and amazingly flavorful rice. We discussed various cultural traditions and how we dedicate our children to the Lord. The couple asked if we could have a special service to do the same for their baby. They want to invite their family and friends, even those living abroad. We are so excited to have our first baby dedication soon! It is a significant milestone for our little church. Please pray for all the details, that the service will be a blessing, and that unsaved loved ones will accept Christ!

Tabitha shared a prayer request at Bible study that she was discouraged because she had gone a while without being able to share the plan of salvation with someone. A few days later, God led her to meet a woman at the grocery store. Tabitha mentioned to the lady that she noticed that the woman had not worked for a few weeks. It meant a lot to the woman that Tabitha noticed her absence. The woman shared about her last month and how she had traveled back and forth several times due to her father's passing away. Tabitha was able to talk about my mother's passing away. God made it so that no one came to the cash register during their conversation, allowing Tabitha to share the Gospel with the woman. One other cashier was standing by the entire time and listened as well. Praise God for answering prayers! Please pray for these women to put their trust in Christ and that Tabitha will be able to have a follow-up conversation with them.

Thank you so much for helping us pray for a church van! God allowed us to purchase one a month before camp and pick it up one week before we needed to leave. This year, our entire family, along with three other teens and one parent from our church, made the trek. We had a 4-hour drive to the coast of France, followed by a one-hour ferry ride, and then another 4-hour drive. It was a great time of fellowship along the way! God used our time at camp in each of our lives, and many decisions were made. One of the speakers said, "What we do with what we are given shows how we view what we've been given." That statement can be applied to every gift that God has given us: the gospel, our family, our health, our church... It was an incredible challenge to reflect on what we have been given and then take an inventory of how we are using it to show God our gratitude. Another speaker spoke directly to our group and encouraged our kids to look for him in five years and tell him how God helped them stay faithful to their commitments. Please help us pray that this will be a lasting memory in all our minds, that we will be faithful to the decisions made, and that God will receive glory from it all.