

THE HAMILTON ROAD

Official Newsletter of the Hamilton Family

IMPORTANT: TWO OPTIONS FOR GIVING

During the July 2020 Greater Europe Mission Candidate Orientation in Colorado, David and I attended two days of support raising training. One topic that was never addressed, but has surfaced now, was the idea that donors might want their money back if something prevented David and me from fulfilling our mission. The GEM policy is that if something did prevent us from serving in Germany, donors would have the option of selecting another GEM missionary to receive their contribution, but there are no refunds. The idea that ministry partners might want a refund is quite troubling and places a heavy weight upon our shoulders. Contributions to missions are offerings to the Lord just like offerings given in church, and a church does not give refunds for tithes or offerings if the pastor retires and a new one takes his place. David and I, like all missionaries are merely pawns used to accomplish the Great Commission. We ask that you do not see us as the investment, but the work of the Lord as the investment. However, we realize that many of you already give abundantly to church, missions, and give offerings throughout the year. We are humbled and grateful that you are giving to us just because you know and love us. So GEM will allow us to collect pledges that will count toward our funding goal but will be held by the donor until our family is ready to leave for Germany. Please, contact us if you would like to change your future contributions to a pledge. Thank you all!



PRAY

Ask God to continue to send refugees and Germans to the Biblical churches in Germany.

Ask God to send more workers to the field.

Ask God to prepare all members of the Hamilton family for His service.

Thank God for the generosity and obedience of our current and future ministry partners.



I am Weak but He is Strong

Support raising is not for the weak. It is tough and incredibly humbling work. It takes so much time and energy that missionaries are encouraged to quit their jobs and raise support full time, but with a home, bills, and four kids that is not possible for us. In late November 2020, we became so overwhelmed with jobs, schooling our children virtually, support raising, and all of our normal home duties, that we had to ask God to take over. We said, "Lord, if you want us to serve as missionaries, you're going to have to make it happen. We are overwhelmed and just can't do it all!" God confirmed His desire for us to be missionaries by moving the hearts of His people to send donations to our GEM account. In fact, we received more contributions in December than any other month!

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

2 Corinthians 12:9

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"The world is in a time of crisis. Christians alone are in a position to rescue the perishing. We dare not settle down to try to live as if things were normal."

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