

Celebrating

It has been difficult to be positive lately. I haven't been able to figure out why, and I keep asking God for clarity as to why I feel this way. During my time at Unterwegs in Freiburg, I feel like it has been very difficult for me to have the deep, in depth conversations with students that some of my teammates have. This lack of deep conversations has led me to become frustrated at myself and at God. I set up these one on one meetings with students as best as I can and I will hang out with them for a couple hours at a time, yet I still don't quite get the conversation that I am looking for. I see other teammates having these amazing interactions with students, and I can not help but feel a little jealous. Someone recently told me about how they have felt very similar at times during their ministry. Then they told me something that should have been obvious from the beginning. He told me that everyone has an important role to play in a ministry. Even if you don't have those deep conversations with students, you can celebrate and praise God that there are teammates who DO get those moments and conversations. This was huge for me to hear because it increased my desire and hunger for more conversations and one on one meetings with students. When I compare myself to other teammates and their conversations with students, it tells me that I need to reevaluate my why for doing ministry. Because its not about me. Its about these students and getting them closer to God and having a relationship with him. And if my interactions, however deep they go, can get a student closer to God, then I will count that as a win and celebrate.

Love, Donovan

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Some pictures of things we have done over the break: helped the Bartenbachs move (top left), celebrated Martin's birthday (top right), created our new Globalscope Wall (bottom left) and enjoyed a traditional fall treat called Zwiebelkuchen (bottom right).

What's Next?

We are only a month before the semester starts back here in Freiburg and we are excited for what is going to happen this semester. Because it is only the two of us on the team, we have decided that we may try to start some kind of student leadership group for the first time here in Freiburg. It is an amazing opportunity that we have to get the students who are really sold on the idea of Unterwegs to help us out in whatever way we need as well as growing closer to God. We are working on making the Unterwegs space a COVID friendly environment in case the situation in Germany allows us to hold small events in person. Since the semester will be online, we have thought about creating a sign-up sheet where people can plan to get out of their apartment and come to Unterwegs in order to take part in their online classes. We thought this would be a cool way for the students to get a change of scenery from time to time. We are expecting there to be some hiccups here and there with the the pandemic and restrictions that come with that, but we are praying and asking God to still bless this community of Unterwegs in whatever way he sees fit.

We are still looking for some people who are open to donating a one-time gift that will be used to cover the Unterwegs Ministry Space rent while we await our future teammates.

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