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Dear friends,

As you know, Donovan and I (Erin) have been on furlough since September 2021. One of the things that excited us most about this time away from Unterwegs Freiburg was returning to a ministry that was completely different than the one we had left. We were excited to experience change in our ministry. Little did we know exactly how big of a change GOD had planned for us and Unterwegs Freiburg.

With great consideration for all teammates, and through lots of discussion, deliberation, prayer, and tears, the leadership of CMF Globalscope has decided that it is time for Unterwegs Freiburg to close its doors. While we were not directly involved in this decision-making process, Donovan and I do trust those who made it and understand the logic behind their reasoning.

That trust, however, does not decrease the level of emotion we feel in this moment. We are grieving the loss of this dream we believe was from GOD. When this grief feels overwhelming, we look for the moments when GOD was clearly working through Unterwegs in Freiburg, and we experience comfort. Hope.

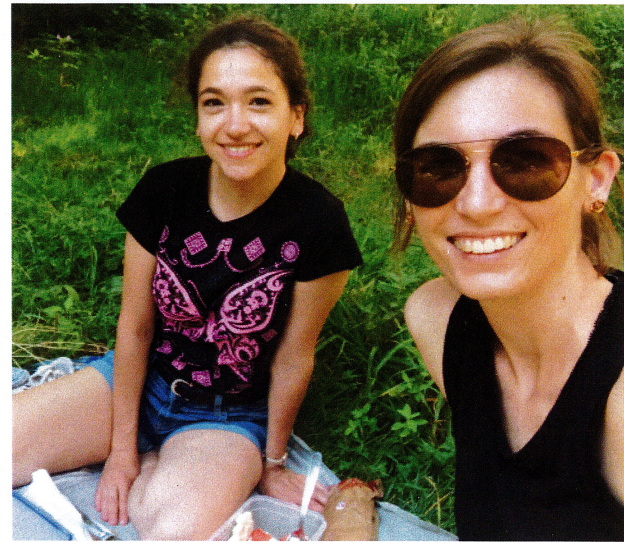
What Donovan and I find are the students who were involved from their very first semester of undergrad all the way through their graduate programs, something that is so very rare in campus ministry in general and especially for campus ministries in Germany. We witnessed those students take steps towards Jesus and how they were changed with each movement towards Him.

Think of Val, who now believes that the greatest miracle is love.
Of Fred, who stepped foot into a church after years of avoiding The Church.
Of Jutte, who welcomed any and every person with open arms.
Of Matt, whose relationship with Jesus moved from one of intellect to one of soul.
Of Katharina, who always brought cake for the hungry.
Of Alex, whose parents were not a safe place but who found a home in Unterwegs.
Of Fran, who realized GOD had never left her side.
Of so many more whose stories we do not and cannot know in full.



None of this could have happened without you. As I write this, Matthew 25:35-40 is echoing in my mind. In *The Message*, it says:

“I was hungry and you fed me,
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,
I was homeless and you gave me a room,
I was shivering and you gave me clothes,
I was sick and you stopped to visit,
I was in prison and you came to me.’
Then those ‘sheep’ are going to say, ‘Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?’ Then the King will say, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me – you did it to me.’”



And I think of you. Your faithfulness in prayer, financial giving, and in friendship supported our ministry in Freiburg. You did all of this for Jesus. You made Unterwegs Freiburg possible and brought the dream God instilled in our hearts to life. Thank you. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

So...what does this mean for us?

In the short-term, we will be spending the coming weeks and months saying “goodbye” to Freiburg and all that it has brought us over the last five years. In the long-term, we are certain that our service with Globalscope is not over, and that GOD is offering us an opportunity to continue serving in a different location, most likely outside of Germany. We will now be extending our furlough until August 1 in order to allow space for all of this to take place. Thank you for continuing your support through this time of discernment and for praying with us as we process one ministry season ending and another one beginning. Please pray specifically for:

- **Healing.** Though we understand the logic, we are still heartbroken and grieving over this news. Please pray that Jesus mends our hearts and allows our time with Unterwegs Freiburg to positively shape our next ministry focus.
- **Our vision trips.** Pray for wisdom and discernment and for GOD to make it undeniably clear where GOD wants us to go next.
- **Our students.** Unterwegs Freiburg may be closing its doors, but we know that GOD is greater than any physical or metaphorical place. Pray that the students who met Jesus here take their experiences with them and that they continue to move closer to Him.



We thank you, again, for all the ways you have supported us at Unterwegs Freiburg. We hope that as we follow the path GOD will lay before us that you will continue to walk alongside us on that path as well. We promise to keep you updated as our journey unfolds.

May the Lord bless you and keep you and give you peace.

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Dear friends of Unterwegs Freiburg,

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Since visiting Unterwegs in 2019, I have cherished memories of sitting around tables in the campus house for a faith-based event, hearing Anna share her heart for Jesus as we ate together, and listening to the team engage thoughtfully with students afterward as they asked good questions and shared from their own hearts. I can only imagine you have similar images in mind when you think of this beautiful ministry too. God has blessed so many lives through the work of Unterwegs Freiburg, including those of us who have joined in this ministry through our financial partnership.

Even so, the past few years have been very difficult in Freiburg, with only two team members at a time for most of the last two years. CMF Globalscope ministries around the world have felt the burden of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the ministry in Freiburg has been no exception. The team members in Freiburg have served faithfully in adverse circumstances but it has not been without great personal cost. At this time, we believe it is too much to keep placing the burden of an entire ministry on a very small team.

With great consideration for all teammates, and through lots of discussion, deliberation, prayer, and tears, I am writing to share that this season of ministry in Unterwegs Freiburg is coming to an end.

In campus ministry, students are always leaving. Each semester, we say goodbye to students as they study abroad, go home for the summer, or work at an internship, and eventually, we celebrate with them as they graduate. It's sad, of course, but the beautiful thing about all that leaving is that as they go, students take with them the lessons of Christian hospitality, grace, and community that are hallmarks of CMF Globalscope ministries. Because of that, I like to say that campus ministries are excellent sending organizations!

With the season of Unterwegs Freiburg concluding, we're sending the teammates out as well. As these teammates explore what God has in store for them in their next seasons, we pray with them, knowing that they will take Unterwegs Freiburg with them in their hearts. We ask that you do the same! God will continue the good work started in Freiburg, in the lives of each person who served on this team and each student who formed part of the community. **Each of these teammates will continue being part of the CMF Globalscope family in different ways, which you can read more about in the enclosed letter.**

I give thanks to God for the good work done through Unterwegs Freiburg over the last 5 years, and I invite you to join me! Let's pray specifically that God will lead the students who have participated in Unterwegs to communities where they can keep encountering the love of Christ.

With gratitude to and hope in Jesus,

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