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## A TIME TO UNWIND

I'll be the first to admit that Summer is not my favorite season. It is so hot and humid, and Germany barely believes in air conditioning. I tend to spend most days sweaty, sticky, and sleepy. At the same time, I am always appreciative for this time of rest, a time of Sabbath.

Church slows down. The city tends to empty. People go on holiday. There is a cultural season of relaxation. I enjoy this aspect of Summer, the ability to rejuvenate before everything gets busy again.

From the beginning of time, God instilled in us the desire to rest. He created the world and then immediately admired His work and rested. As we are created in His image, it shows that it is also important for us to sit back and reflect on what we have done.

For me, I take great joy in what I have accomplished within my International Small Group. Unprompted, one member said it was the best small group she's ever been in! We have been able

to disciple and encourage each other, growing collectively deeper in our relationships with Jesus Christ.

Also, I take great joy in my connection with my supporters. You continue to bless me with your prayers and financial gifts. I hope you to get a chance to reflect on how much your support has been effecting the ministry happening in Dresden.

There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from His. Hebrews 4:9,10



Fanning ourselves, trying to beat the heat during a Sunday morning church service with no air conditioning.



In Him,

Here I am, leading my small group. This semester has been about learning the basics of how to study the Bible.

## LEARN GERMAN WITH ME

**Sauheiß**  
**Sow-highss**

Literal: Pig Hot

Meaning: The weather is so hot that even a pig would be very uncomfortable!



Zeal Church exists so that people can experience and embrace the fervent love and freedom of God. We inspire people about God and equip them to follow Him wholeheartedly and thereby becoming the person God created them to be. Our passion for God and people is our driving force.  
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## Kontaktmission

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Kontaktmission is a networked mission movement empowering Christians worldwide to live out their God-given callings, and sending them out for the building up of His church. We've discovered that our "international idea" of connecting people and ministries opens doors for the Gospel helps avoid common mistakes and makes missions much more effective.

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# SUMMER SPECIALS



Enjoying a sunny day at a Steampunk Festival in Meissen



Serving in the Zeal Café on a Sunday morning

## NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

I have had several big changes happen in my responsibilities at Zeal Church. The past year has been spent building relationships, building trust, language practice, and generally just filling in wherever I could. I was doing a lot of tasks, but I was patiently waiting to be able to use my more theological-based gifts and experience.

I am a small group leader and that has been an incredible experience. The other leaders have appreciated my input, training, and teaching. This is where I've made my closest friends and deepest relationships within Zeal.

I have been a part of the overall church leader meetings, but more as an observer than a contributor. This is beginning to change. I have always had a more academic heart, and love researching scripture and developing plans for discipleship. Along with several of our pastors, I have begun to help develop programs and study plans for our youth and young adult group. Helping to build the foundations for stronger believers is something I deeply want to support.

We also have a new intern that started in September. In German, her official title is *Bundesfreiwilligerin* or *BuFDi*, for short. She is volunteering to spend a year working with Zeal. We will be working together often, and I couldn't be more pleased. She is young, but has such a huge heart for the church. Also, I feel so blessed to work in a community that has a significant amount of woman very active in ministry. We are building a diverse and healthy environment.

### PRAYER REQUESTS!

- ZEAL CHURCH
- LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY
- CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT
- MY HEALTH
- MY FAMILY

Going out for ice cream at one of Zeal's Summer Hangouts after church



## MAKING SOME MOVES

Zeal Dresden has been praying to find a new location since before I began working with them. We are blessed to be growing, but that leads to logistical problems of space and budgets. In July, we actually moved out of

our office space. Our goal is to find a more budget-friendly and more welcoming space. July was spent cleaning, sorting, and painting.

I encourage you to keep praying for us to

find a more affordable, permanent space where we could have both offices and church services. This has been extremely difficult to find. Simply being a church is a reason that a landlord can use to reject us.