

Dear friends

Finally it feels like I'm growing up! Shocking isn't it? What's so shocking about it is that I'm well over 30 years old and it took me so long to find out! ☹

It took me quite a while to figure out what to writing about this time. The only thing I really want to tell you is what has been going on over the last couple of weeks and months and all that's about to happen.

Wedding and Honeymoon

'Both' our weddings (civil and church wedding) were absolutely amazing. We are so blessed with such loving and caring families and friends. I don't have words for the great privilege of having my best friends from all over the world around me at that time. Time went by much too fast and there wasn't enough of it to talk to everyone – which was really sad!

Shortly after the wedding Wollo and I went on our extremely relaxing honeymoon to Egypt. We also spent two days in Jordan... sightseeing. We went to Petra and swam in the dead sea! Incredible!!!

Annoyed

A few days ago I got soooo annoyed by the fact that we had to start packing again. I had no idea which items I should take with me to Stuttgart and how to put all that stuff into our little car. I really, really dislike packing!!!

At some point I started picking on Wollo (hm... why was that again?) when I realized that I was simply overwhelmed with that huge 'packing' task. To admit that made me even more mad. So far I had been able to do everything on my own - simply because I had to.

Wollo reacted in such a kind way... ooooh man! No 'Come on, you can do it! Or 'Don't be such a silly head!' – He just helped me disentangle this mess in my little brain (cutting down my to do lists...)

I simply love setting up a new place... decoration, making this new place feel like home. From what it looks like God's gonna bless me with this again and again over the next few months (let's forget the downside of packing and leaving old places behind).

New home, studies and travels

Just a few days ago we arrived in Stuttgart, southern Germany. People speak in foreign tongues – but the food's good! ☹ Here we will stay till the end of June.

This week we'll also start our Studies at the Academy for World Mission. Wollo's main study day's gonna be on Tuesday, mine's on Friday (plus the home and reading assignments we do from home... Studies will take up about 20h/week). Till mid March we are pretty much booked every weekend. I really hope we will be able to cope well with the different assignments including various ministry 'activities'! Till the beginning of April Wollo'll learn more about 'Intercultural Church planting' and I'll find out more about 'Hermeneutics'. We are not sure yet which courses we will take on after that.

Last week I also signed up for Spanish classes. The Lady I spoke to envied me for moving to Peru – her home country! What a small world we live in!

Appointments

To keep you up to date... here are some of our appointments for the next few weeks. Those are our prayer requests as well!

*Wollo: Preaching in Konstanz (Wollo's home Church)	15.02.2009
*Our Studies beginn	16.02.2009
*Church camp with Wollo's home Church (incl. Missions Evening and Sunday school)	20. - 23.02.2009
*Sunday school in Baltmannsweiler	01.03.2009
*Heike: Spanish lessons (till mid May, Mondays)	from 02.03.2009
*Wollo: Missions Prayer night in Konstanz	02.03.2009
*Heike: Ladies conference in Neukirchen	06. - 08.03.2009
*Wollo: Preaching in Trier	08.03.2009
*Missions day for Kids in Hammerhütte	28.03.2009
*Mission Net in Oldenburg	08. – 13.04.2009
*Visiting people down South J	16. – 19.04.2009
*Spring Conference in Neukirchen	25. – 27.04.2009
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In June...

...we will be getting ready for moving to Peru. Just in case you are near Germany... please join us for our **Commissioning Service in Konstanz (Lake of Konstanz) on June 28th**. We would love to see you there! It looks like we will be **leaving Germany** soon after that - at the **beginning of July**.

Prayerletter...

We are not quite sure yet what's going to happen prayerletter wise. In the past it has been really important to both of us to keep you up to date and we will keep on doing that. It's just that we both had different ways of doing that. Now we need to figure out how to do it together!

As usual you'll find all details regarding our address, blogs, support at the end of this letter.

I guess that's all for today!

Blessings,
Heike

PS: Pictures from our wedding and honeymoon will be soon linked to my blog (www.missiongdoulos.blogspot.com)

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