

Re: Nata

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Thank you for praying for my summer **holidays** 😊 I spent 12 days on the Harkortsee near Dusseldorf relaxing in a last minute B&B, walking, sewing... and watching a lot of renovation projects on HGTV. Then with a friend, I spent 2 weeks in Mechernich in the Eifel instead of in Northern Ireland.



Kommern Open Air Museum

Though the weather was quite warm (!) we did a lot of hiking in this gorgeous national park. The Rursee walks were particularly lovely, with boat rides to get back to the car.



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The first week back at Cornerstone was **Staff orientation week**; significant staff left in July, so the beginning of this year was a challenging one for us as we shuffled into new roles and sorted out who did what and when.

As school began, I was delighted that **all 22 registered students turned up** (from Korea, UK, PL, SK, DE, FR, NL)! One student was slightly late as she waited on results from a Covid test, and we have had a good number of tests done since school began – all negative! We also welcomed 8 **volunteers** from 6 different countries (FR, AT, CH, SK, DE, UK)! We have

also welcomed 3 babies of students and staff since the end of school! – all girl babies...! So, we multiply our students 😊



Welcome... what will you do to stay fit?

Covid regulations within the school mean we have continued to have most meals in sections where students live (e.g. single girls, single guys, couple apartments...), with a few sections in the dining room so we can at least see each other. We were concerned about how **community** would grow in such circumstances (it's a LARGE part of our learning!) but the first-year students and the few (7) but mighty second-year students have really found their way with each other. It's been a delight to see it develop. 😊 In the last couple of days (beginning October) we have seen new Covid regulations imposed which don't affect us as a school (we are in all the exceptions!), but might affect guest teachers (from DE and UK). 😞

Covid also affected **Ladies Retreat**. We did not go away as we usually do, but had a delightful time here at school, enjoying meals (including an incredible **High Tea** made by our staff) and activities



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(dancing, felting, hand-lettering, walking) together, while being able to sleep in our own beds 😊 The mothers were also relieved to be able to leave kids with the Dads, but see them again in the evening.

This year we also introduced the **Virtual Learning Education platform Moodle** for our students and teaching staff – we are basically building this plane as we fly!!! I am so thankful to God for surrounding me with a fantastic team, willing to jump in and accomplish a lot in a short amount of time, and who have the needed technical competencies. This VLE is one element which helps us to have something in place in case we get scattered by Covid again!

I have a wonderful **Care Group** – 4 ladies between the ages of 23-40 from D, PL, DE/USA, & NL. We have already had some fun times together as well as shared some of our stories.



I love how God has prepared and led each one to be here, now, to learn more about Himself, His word and His world. What a privilege to be part of that formation process!

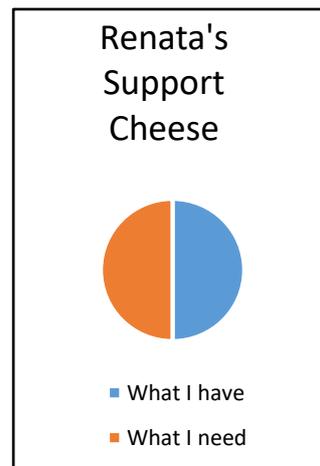
Thank you for your continued prayers:

Thanks: 1. For great support from my faculty team for my new role as Academic Dean.

2. For 22 new students and 7 returning students and 8 volunteers and the community they are forming (despite Covid restrictions in the school!)
3. For a restful summer holiday and continuing good health.

- Pray:**
1. That God would bring new students for next year despite the limited possibilities to promote Cornerstone.
 2. For guest teachers to still be able to come / no quarantine restrictions (especially DE & UK)
 3. Preparation for teaching a new course on Cultural Anthropology.

Blessings from Beugen,



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