



What's Happening with Hannah?

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I am currently attending different campus ministry events each week as I learn more about how the ministry runs and what my future work could look like. These pictures are from a while ago: our first international small group and the first prayer breakfast. These are the two events that I attend most frequently. Just this week, I attended my first small group that is conducted in German.



I attend a monthly “iCafe,” which is an event aimed at nonbelieving international students. They come for a meal and games, to practice their German, and to meet other international students. We end the night by reading through a Bible story in both German and English.

Right now, I am learning what balancing my time looks like. There are so many good things happening on the ministry calendar, but learning German remains the priority for this season. It can be very easy to get burnt out.

I have been enjoying the change in seasons here. We recently had our first snow, which means the Christmas music started playing in my apartment. I have been loving attending the different Christmas markets, and the city is beautiful all lit up.

I have not yet experienced homesickness. However, November and December bring the first three major dates on the calendar which I am the most likely to. My team celebrated Thanksgiving together this past weekend, and it was a very joy-filled day. They also threw me a surprise birthday party. I know my birthday has the possibility of causing some homesickness. Until now, there has only been one other time where my brothers and I have not been together to celebrate our shared day. I have made plans to celebrate on the actual day with some friends. I will miss my family's Christmas traditions, but I also look forward to creating my own in this beautiful city. It just may take a couple of years to figure out what those new traditions are.

I am grateful for the community that God is beginning to give me here. Friendships are forming slowly, but the fact that I do have people to celebrate my birthday with is a wonderful thing. And I know I will not be alone on Christmas. A friend from church invited me to attend a concert at the Wiener Konzerthaus. She was absolutely thrilled to share in my first Vienna music experience. And such fun seats that we could even see the director's facial expressions as he gave different cues!



Prayer and praise

- I am thanking God for the friendships that he is giving me. I am very thankful for my WorldVenture team here in Vienna, and for those I am getting to know through the campus ministry and at church.
- Please pray that I will be braver to practice speaking German. At the campus ministry events, I do find that I have more courage to practice. At church, I often feel that courage melt away. There are certain people at church that do help me have German conversations, such as Man-Fong, who invited me to the concert.
- Please pray for my language learning in general. Pray also that I will know how to balance my time and not become overly stressed or run down.
- Please pray this month for iCafe. The next events will be a social outing on December 2 and then the event which I described above on December 13. Pray for all the international students – both believers and nonbelievers – who spend this Christmas away from family.

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