



Rob & Lynnell Dodson US Military in Germany

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Dear Pastors & Praying Partners,

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of November! Time has surely flown by! We are so grateful for your continued prayers and financial support! We would not be here doing the Lord's work and representing you without your help. We hope you all had a **Happy Thanksgiving!** Lynnell's parents and two aunts flew in to spend Thanksgiving with us and to tour Europe.

Many things have been happening here in the last three months. Rob turned the Big 5-0 in September. We celebrated by taking the family on a trip to an amusement park in Rust, Germany. The kids were surprised, and it was fun get-a-way. Plus, we love to ride rollercoasters.



We have always enjoyed seeing the changing colors in the fall. It was so beautiful! Before the cold weather started here, on the Rheinland Baptist Church grounds, a few families gathered to have a bonfire. We cooked up some hot dogs, bratwursts and made some S'mores. It was such a good time of fellowship. A couple of the families camped out. Praying to do this again next year.

Lynnell had the opportunity to begin teaching American Sign Language (ASL) to some young ladies at Rheinland. They all signed to the song "There is a Redeemer," while our song leader and pianist sang the special. It was such a blessing. Lynnell has started planning for another special soon due to interest. **Please pray if the Lord leads in the direction of starting a deaf ministry and outreach in the community.** This has sparked Faith to take an ASL course online to count as her "foreign language" in high school. Rob and Brendan have been training Faith in the sound booth. She is doing very well. Soon, we will have the whole Dodson Crew trained in the booth.



There have been many more happenings around Rheinland. We had a Kid's Pumpkin Carving & Chili potluck. All the kids did an amazing job on their pumpkins. Rob sampled a little bit of all the chili. Lynnell's award-winning chili was missed at the potluck. Maybe next year! Then, we



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had a Flea Market/Craft Fair which raised approximately \$280 for the youth department. Praise the Lord it was a successful fundraiser. The Dodson children have been practicing a lot in preparation for the upcoming Christmas Cantata. All the children participating in the cantata sound amazing.

Rob has had to wear many hats in the last few months. Just to name a few, he kept busy with homeschooling the children, planning meals at home, and working in the ministry. Rob had accepted the position of Youth Pastor at Rheinland. He is also leading the Junior Church. **Please pray about a project at Rheinland to remodel the Teen Group room.** We are thankful for the Lord already beginning to supply some of the funds needed for this project.

Rob and the kids went to Gebattel, Germany for the 27th Annual Mission Possible European Retreat (MPER). Except for Faith, this was the first time the kids had attended the retreat. It was great to catch up with missionary friends and to meet new ones. “MPER is about encouraging Independent Baptist missionaries to stay on the field by giving them some of the tools they need to keep going. It also focuses on inviting couples and single adults to consider the will of God concerning missionary service. These goals are accomplished through great preaching, inspiring music, and lots of free time for fellowship with others who understand the realities faced by today’s missionaries.” There have been many pastors and layman around the world come to the retreat. If the Lord lays it upon your heart to come visit the MPER, we would love to see you there. **Sign up early because availability fills up quickly.**

Prior to heading to MPER, Rob took the kids to see Lynnell in the hospital. In October, while Lynnell was at work, she pulled a pan of hot water out of an oven. She sustained 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree burns when it spilled onto her right leg, foot, and ankle. Lynnell was seen at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center’s (LRMC) emergency room, released, and referred to a civilian hospital. Upon finding the German hospital which treats adult burn patients, she was admitted for further observation and to have a skin graft. When the hospital tried to hand us a huge medical bill to pay for continued treatment and surgery, Lynnell reached back to the military hospital, and they instructed her to leave that hospital and return to LRMC to be admitted. LRMC tried their best to see if the surgery could happen there, but it was determined she needed a level 4 burn center due to the extent of the injury. So, LRMC flew Lynnell and our son Nate (as a non-medical attendant) to Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) in Texas for a little over a month. Lynnell had the surgery and is healing up well. Full healing of this skin grafting will take another 8 months. Rob can clearly understand what Lynnell experienced all the times he deployed in the United States Air Force. Praise the Lord, Lynnell and Nate have returned home safely. Rob kept their return a surprise from the kids. Many tears were shed. We are thankful for the families of our supporting churches in the San Antonio area who were a blessing to Lynnell and Nate. **Please continue to pray for Lynnell’s healing and the Lord to work out the remaining medical bills.**

Please, if you have any prayer requests you would like us to lift to the Lord, send them our way. We will add them to our prayer ministry.

In Christ,
Rob & Lynnell Dodson & Kinder

Praises:

- For Lynnell and Nate’s travels to the US and return home.
- Successful surgery and healing thus far of Lynnell’s leg, foot, & ankle.
- Safe travel for Lynnell’s parents and aunts; for their visit for Thanksgiving.
- For the opportunity to serve at Rheinland.
- For the many Rheinland families who provided meals while Lynnell was in the hospital.

Prayer Requests:

- Continued healing for Lynnell from the burns and surgery.
- Our young adult children for guidance and wisdom.
- Prayer for our lost relatives.
- Our supporting churches & partners.
- Youth ministries at Rheinland Baptist Church.
- Travel mercies for Bryce and Grace flying home for Christmas.