



Prayer letter of the  
Meister-Konze family  
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**"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17, NIV)**

Dear Prayer Partners,

These last few weeks, it has come up multiple times from multiple places that we need to be careful how we study the Bible. Sounds a bit funny to say it that way, but hear me out.

First of all, we all know that the Bible is not an "easy read". Deep theological issues are not always presented in a "read it and do it" form. And Bible verses need to be looked at in context. Also, Old Testament information is deepened by the New Testament and God's character is best understood in light of the whole Bible.

Therefore, deep Bible study is necessary. But we all bring our own personal bias to what we read. Therefore, it is important to study the Bible in community. One recent article I read even encourages us to study it with people outside of our own culture since all cultures are fallen and have biases as well! Therefore, let us be careful of HOW we study the Scriptures - asking God to help us take off our personal and societal blinders, as well as any blinders from previous teachings (all humans have bias), so we can understand God's true revelation of Himself more and more. Pray for us to have teachable spirits!

**Christoph**, for the first time since the beginning of Covid, was able to assist one couple and one single lady to return to the field. Currently, he is helping a new couple prepare to go to Asia. They are learning OMF's finance system and how they can make things work in their place of ministry. Christoph is so thankful for all of his own field experience because it has come in *very* handy. Recently, he has also become more involved with new IT matters, including the future IT platform of the company. Pray that the transition can be smooth and will bring the benefits we all hope for.

**Lydia** had a great talk with her career counselor last month and has decided to prepare for the Fachmittelschule (FMS, secondary school) and Gymnasium (pre-university) exams in March. She is really interested in studying Theater at the FMS in Zürich starting next August. This would be her dream. She is also looking forward to starting her voice lessons here in Uster in February. She still goes to school each day - we will see if that can continue with Covid - we certainly hope so!

**Lanette**: Keeping up with Covid is the daily challenge right now. With numbers climbing and more and more people in quarantine, most of my day is spent on the phone and in front of the computer writing and Zooming, doing a lot of trouble shooting. Praise God for the technology we have! My biggest current challenge is knowing how to hold Sunday School. This week we are down to bare bones at the in-person classes...

Thank you for your support! Lanette, Christoph and Lydia

### Thanksgiving

- Lydia has good direction and is motivated to study and she is still able to go to school each day!
- Workers returning to the field!
- God's protection and good health.

### Pray with us

- For humble & teachable hearts.
- For perseverance and wisdom as Lydia preps for her exams.
- That God will provide all wisdom for each encounter we have in ministry. May God use us to encourage and bless!
- That all three of us will be able to flourish despite daily life and ministry limitations.

### November Dates

- 7: *Helping a friend pack to move*
- 8: *IPC's Harvest Festival*
- 9: *OMF Finance Committee mtg.*
- 10: *OMF Zoom Prayer Afternoon, IPC Council Meeting*
- 13&14: *OMF Home Council and Team Meetings*

### Stay in touch

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