

February 2018

Dear friends,

Elfi and I have been only back from our sabbatical about two months now and so much has happened. We had to say our goodbyes to Anishma, our adopted daughter. She is now safely in India awaiting her marriage in May.

We will travel to India to give Anishma away to her husband-to-be, Arun. We plan to be there the first week of May. Her husband will be getting off from his work in Oman and arrive at the same time with us in Bangalore. We understand as parents of Anishma we will be giving a party to the invited guests. We are excited!

If you recall, I was talking to a friend I had met years earlier. As a father, I needed help related to his Indian home culture on how to seek a husband for my daughter. He told me that his eligible son was at that time looking for a wife. Arun and his mother came for a visit last April, and a year later, the couple will marry!







Goodbyes for Anishma with Kimberly and Eliana, our family photo, and prayers at the church before her departure.



The same week Anishma left, we received pastor Prakash and his wife, Harsha, who came to join our pastoral staff. Years of prayer answered! They have been living with us from February 3 until February 22 when they moved into their new home.



We are glad to share the news we were able to get a car for Elfi! We are very thankful.



We are going to host a German group of 3 people visiting Kenya on a ministry tour to an orphanage East of Nairobi. And our daughter with her friend are coming and will stay with us till March 3 when they return back to Germany.

We somehow feel blessed to be hosting so many people just about every month this year. In fact this will be the pattern till the end of the year in our house.

I, Joe get re energized that way :) whereas Elfi will need some solitude to re-energize :(God made us so different.

God's grace and peace be with you!

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