

Emily's Cranky Day

(Plus Some Good News!)

Hi!

Have you ever had a day so full of misfortune that it feels like it could be nominated for the movie title “A Series of Unfortunate Events”? The type of day that, when you angrily replay it for someone else, you have to watch them stifle a laugh as if they are watching a cartoon cat slip on a banana peel and slide through the kitchen door? I had one of those days recently. It took no time at all to set me into a couple of days of crankiness where, no matter what happened, I stayed in a bad mood. Thankfully, no one (including myself) can take Cranky Emily too seriously, and she usually doesn't stick around for too long. :)

The question came when I decided to spend time with a friend I am witnessing to: I thought my bad mood would shift— and it didn't. *How do I be a light for Christ when I am having a bad day?*

While the answer didn't feel straightforward, I felt God reminding me that, while I am not perfect, He is.

We live in a world that is full of sin. We all have bad days, but God is bigger than our bad days. Does that mean our mood will shift when we are called to be a witness, and we will suddenly be filled with joy? Not necessarily. At least for me in that moment, I didn't feel called to force a feeling I didn't have— but to be honest about where I was, accept support, and recognize with those around me that this is not the design God wanted for us— that bad days full of sadness, embarrassment, struggle, or discomfort are a result of sin. Following God doesn't mean we will be free from bad days while we live in this world, but it does mean we have hope that we will be free of them in God's time.

My prayer for you today is that, no matter the sort of day you are experiencing, you can hold onto the hope that we have in God.

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Revelation 21:4

Local Ministry

I brought some friends to church this month! One lives in the neighborhood, so I am hoping she can join us more often. She brought her little dog with her, which the kids loved :)



New friends at house church :)

I have noticed I can use one of the children at church as subtle/sometimes not so subtle feedback on how my German is progressing. She will often ask me to play with her, but she loses interest as soon as I fail to understand her or can't respond to her in German. Therefore, the longer she plays with me, the better my German is! I am proud to say that last week she spent a whole 10 minutes with me after dinner before getting bored and moving on to someone else! (*Hurray for little wins!*)

As the summer begins, our church has discussed the practice of Sabbath a lot and the idea of what it looks like to Sabbath together. (A Sabbath party, anyone?) It has been a great reminder of rest as a form of worship, and I look forward to exploring doing this in community.

Europe Wide Ministry

Things have slowed down with the season on this front. With my boss on sabbatical and our leadership team taking time to visit and check in with our missionaries throughout Europe, my workload has been lighter, allowing for more time to pick up the language learning progress that I set aside for a while in the spring.

Language Acquisition

I am one week into an intensive course at my German school, and it is no joke 😊 It is five hours of class a day, and our teacher has assigned homework that takes me an average of two hours to complete before the next day. It is making me even more grateful that my workload is lighter for the time being! I can already tell how helpful this is, though it feels like I have gone from a slow faucet to a fire hose, so I appreciate any prayers against drowning!

Prayer Requests

Thank you so much for your prayers. I feel them, and they are so appreciated. Over the next couple of weeks, here are my biggest praises and prayer requests:

- **Prayer:** For language class, that this intensive course gives me a good jump before my workload picks up again.
- **Praise:** For a God that is bigger than our bad days 😊

Thank you for your continued support! If there are any ways I can encourage you, pray for you, or any questions you have for me, please don't hesitate to reach out. As you support me, I hope to be a support for you.

Till next time, *tchüss!*

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Photo from when I went with some friends to see SIX the Musical at the Old Opera Theater in Frankfurt this month :)



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My service in Europe is not possible without the financial partners called to be a part of my work, and it is an honor to have people join in this special way! While I am currently able to serve full-time, my ministry is not fully funded, and my visa requires that I be fully funded if I am to continue serving in Germany beyond 2028. I would encourage you to pray if God would have you be a part of filling this need with either monthly donations or a special gift.

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