



Israel and Dani Jernigan

Loving Missionary Kids through Media at Black Forest Academy

June 16, 2010

Leaving on a Jet Plane

Yep. It's official. We're really leaving. At 1:15 PM on Friday, July 16th, we'll board a plane bound for Germany. Auf Wiedersehen America. Guten Tag Deutschland.

It took longer to reach this point than we'd hoped, but we have no doubt this is God's perfect timing for our journey to Germany. By the time we step on that plane, it will have been a year since God first rocked our worlds with Black Forest Academy.

Our support journey has been an unpredictable ride of expectation, hope, hard work, and waiting. We started raising support in September and the plan was always to leave as soon as possible. Our October goal turned to January, which turned to April. We reached the 80% mark of our support on May 1st, but it took until yesterday to finalize the best time for us to leave.

Back in September, if you'd told us we wouldn't leave until July, Dani would have cried. But looking back, we can see the blessings that have come from this process. We've learned to trust God for our basic needs. We've seen the generosity of the body of Christ lived out. Our purposes and desires for Black Forest Academy have been strengthened and refined. Our vision has expanded, along with our love for the students of BFA.

Support raising has been nothing like we expected. It's been hard, and wonderful, and surprising. We experienced weeks when no new supporters joined our team, then saw days that brought 5%, 10% and 30% leaps

in our support. We're now at 90% of our monthly support. We're working toward raising the remaining \$540 by the time we depart.

We can honestly say that, over the past year, we've been amazed by the people God's placed in our lives. So many of you have joined our support team, hosted garage sales, invited us to live with you, handed us cash, diligently prayed, lifted our spirits, and rejoiced with us. We don't have the words to describe our gratitude.

Thank you! Thank you for loving us and for committing to this journey with us. We literally wouldn't be doing this without you. Over the next few years, as we love missionary kids, you will love missionary kids. As we further BFA's mission through media, so will you. As we support missionary families, you will support missionary families. We are taking you with us to Germany, even if you never step foot there. We are blessed because of you.

The Last Month

- June 19-26* Attend TeachBeyond's Orientation in Minneapolis
- June 26-July 2* Visit Family in Texas and Oklahoma
- July 3* Our Four Year Anniversary
- July 10* The Jernigan Jubilee going away party. You're invited!
- July 16* Departure Day!

