

Merry Christmas from AUSTRIA
December 2015

Dear Praying Family & Friends,

We celebrated Christmas on December 24th like the Austrians do. We'll have to get used to being a family of three, opps, I mean five: Snowy & Misty (our rabbits) and Rambo (our lizard – pictured with Daniel & Joe). We missed Joe not being with us. Thank you so much for your prayers.

It's been fun watching God continue to work in the nurse's life who began to believe in God just before Joe went to heaven. She had once said, "When I met Joe, something changed inside of me." Later I had told her that at one of the



last doctor's appointments in America the doctor had said the next stop was hospice. We told him, "No! The next stop is Austria." I said we knew God wanted us back here. She said, "Yes, that was so I could find God."

In the last two months she went from not believing there was a God to believing in Him. In the condolence book at the funeral she wrote only one sentence, "The Lord is my Shepherd." Wow! It was so wonderful of God to give Joe the chance to lead someone to Christ just before he left for heaven. She and I will be meeting together next week.



I'll also be trying to get back together with some of the other nurses who I became friends with while they were taking care of Joe. Next week I'll be visiting the children in the children's home to talk with them about Joe's dying. Six of them (right in the picture) came to the funeral. There were also several women at the funeral who asked if we could get together and talk. Please be praying for these opportunities to talk about God's love.

Thank you for your caring notes on Facebook and your cards and emails. The boys and I have felt very loved and supported by your prayers. You can meet me now on Facebook or write me by using my new email address: brenda.ziska@yahoo.com. We hope you had a nice Christmas with your family.