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Language challenges

Dear saints in Christ,

November took me back to California, then to Arizona, where I visited three congregations and spent Thanksgiving with my family. I also started my 20-hour per week language learning schedule, meaning 10 hours with a German tutor and 10 hours with a Persian tutor every week. As you can imagine, this has been a lot of work, but also very rewarding. One key thing we learned at the Church Planting Conference in October for acquiring a new language is the importance of reading books of interest, at a lower level.

To this end, I found a range of interesting fiction for German. I started as hort story called "der Rote Hahn" (The Red Rooster). It is a children's mystery story and is at the perfect level for my comprehension. I also picked up "der Hobbit," (the Hobbit) but that one is a little more difficult. I hope to be able to be at the level to read it soon.

For Persian (where my comprehension level is far lower than German) I picked up a small book of poems by the medieval poet Hafez, a very popular and prolific author in Persian literature. Poetry is good because it offers a wide range of vocabulary in short segments.

I am grateful for the pastors and congregations that hosted me this past month. I presented first at Trinity in Palo Alto, CA. Then, I preached and presented at Our Savior in San Diego, CA.
Next, I fly to Tucson, AZ, where I presented at Catalina, Faith, and Mount Olive Lutheran churches.

Please pray for me this month of December as I continue to study and prepare for deployment January 5th!