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Dear friends of Delmarva Christian Schools,

For two weeks in August 2018 we once again can host young German high school students from the Buigen-Gymnasium School in Herbrechtingen, Germany (<https://www.buigen-gymnasium.de>). DCHS has sent five groups of our students to this sister school during previous J Term trips and they have also visited us five times.

Among the 22 students who came from Germany in 2016, my wife and I hosted three young ladies. One of these three, Hannah Doerflinger, came back this past summer and spent three exciting weeks with us once again. She has become a part of our family, and enjoyed the arrival of two more of our grandchildren during her visit. Other host families have developed long-term relationships with their German students as well.

Our school's interaction with the Herbrechtingen school provides a precious opportunity for us to share our faith, acquaint our children with young people from a foreign country, and develop relationships that can last a lifetime. Alex Moser and Thomas Steimel, the two teachers organizing this trip, hope we can once again provide many homes for their students to interact with our families, learn of our schools and our Christian faith, and return to their homes with a better understanding of who Americans are. It is time for us to begin the process of making commitments to open our hearts and our homes to welcome another group of these delightful young Germans.

During our guests' two-week visit, the goal is to have the German students become a part of our family life. We will plan three group activities their first week with us. And in the second week, they will join the Delmarva Christian High School students the first week of class. It's also great to plan local, family trips to the beach, the outlet malls, or perhaps to places of historical and cultural interest. Very importantly, we can also have them join us in any church activities, either worship or youth services. The visiting students will have visited Philadelphia before joining us, and then will visit New York City after their visit with us. We have not charged our guests room and board, but if anyone needs financial help for food and lodging, that could be arranged.

If you would consider hosting one or several of these students during the weeks of August 13-27, 2018, please contact me at jjochum@delmarvachristian.com. Indicate how many students you would like to host, and if you would prefer boys or girls. The Herbrechtingen students are already deeply excited about the possibility of coming. Please let me know by February 10th if you would consider making someone's dreams come true.

In Christ, and for His Kingdom,
John Jochum
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