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“German has continued to be a big part of my life, and not only for academic interests. My husband is first generation American and his brother's family lives in Köln, giving us good excuses to go back regularly. I've been engaged with our Minneapolis synod's partnership with the Lutheran church in Leipzig, and in 2008 I received a sabbatical grant which allowed our family to spend 2 months in Freiburg. My five year old son is now an expert on European trains.

Although Germany is thoroughly in my comfort zone now, I have found that the crosscultural skills I learned living and learning in another language have worked well in entirely different settings, such as the time I took a high school youth group to rural China in 2008.”