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**Ryan Taylor GEM Update - March 2025**

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FILM AND MINISTRY



*<sup>12</sup> I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; <sup>13</sup> also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.*

***Ecclesiastes 3:12-13***

We are entering the season of hope.

The arrival of Spring, which brings with it the reemergence of color and growth in our natural surroundings, along with returning warmth and extended hours of glorious sunshine, often feels like the earth is breathing a sigh of relief.

I often find myself joining the world in that fulfilling sigh, as the blossoming of Spring at the same time acts as the joyous herald of the passing of winter, which, whether we are stepping out of the actual season or simply a spiritual one, is worthy of celebration.

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## ***My Gratitude***

Some of that celebration is due to the simple fact that in order to weather the harshness of winter, God must provide. If you are reading this, it means he has.

I, for one, have seen much provision over the course of the winter months for which to offer thanks, both to God and to you. Before Christmas, I reached out to you, my wonderful support team, with a plea for your help to build back up my ministry account after an extra expensive year. **You responded with staggering generosity, offering enough to keep my account buoyant over the coming year!**

I am beyond grateful for each and every one of you who were so incredibly gracious and kind to me over the holiday season, with your giving, encouragement and prayers. **It is because of you that I can continue to serve on the ground here in Germany**, crafting ministry tools, pouring into a community of laboring field workers, and helping to lead, encourage and build up the next generation of disciple makers. **I praise God for such a faithful and loving team, and pray that he would bless you each a hundredfold.**

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## ***Our “Adieu” is Being Heard!***



Not long after returning to Germany from the holidays, my team was informed that our film project, “Adieu” had been selected to pitch on the main stage at EFM (European Film Market) in Berlin. As a result, we spent the first few weeks of the year preparing our leaders Jim and Sara Meyer to go and try to spread awareness about the film.

One of our preparations was the creation of this new 40 second teaser, which combines some of our test footage from the last few years to give a clear glimpse at the power of this story, and made sharing the concept with others at the conference that much easier! Check it out!



Click the image above to see the teaser!

The trip to EFM ended up being a resounding success, with Jim and Sara being able to meet with a wide variety of producers and production companies from throughout Europe, many of which are interested in helping us get this film off the ground! **The script is currently being considered by producers in five different countries throughout Europe, including Switzerland itself!**

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## ***Retreat and Dwell***

A couple of weeks ago, I got to participate in one of the seminal events of the year at Black Forest Academy (the Christian school I volunteer with here in town)... **high school retreat!** HSR is an annual weekend where the entire high school student body goes with staff and small group leaders (like me) to a beautiful retreat center to enjoy fun activities, worship, speaking, and deeper fellowship and connection with each other and with their small groups.

This year was the first time my freshman guys got to experience retreat, and they absolutely loved it! They enjoyed a school-wide chaotic relay race, dodgeball tournament, and panning for gold (a creative idea from one of our group members)! **It was also some of the most concentrated time I've gotten as a leader to really challenge them with questions regarding their walks with Christ.** The school brought in a wonderful speaker from the States who spoke on the school year's overall theme of "dwell," taking the students on a multi-layered exploration of how to more fully orient our lives around dwelling with God.



For my young freshman boys, it was the first time they had been faced with many of the ideas and tools that the speaker offered. **It was a blessing for me to get to process with them through the various questions and challenges that came up, leaving open a wide lane for God to continue using our time as a group to work in their hearts.** I'm more excited than ever to lead them into deeper exploration of the story of God and His call on their lives in the coming weeks, months and years!

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## ***Podcast***

Theology of Film has seven episodes live right now, with a new one being released every month! Our latest episode tackles everyone's favorite under-the-sea father/son story: Finding Nemo. My cohost Laura and I use the film to explore themes such as the contrast between living in fear versus living freely, how community and teamwork are essential to growth, and the importance of both reaching out for help and supporting others, ultimately finding ourselves in an examination of Ecclesiastes 4:9-12.



It continues to be a joy for me each month to **explore how films can lead us into deep reflection of our lives as Christians, draw us into scripture, and challenge us to live more Christ oriented lives!** I would be hugely grateful to you if you would subscribe to Theology of Film wherever you get your podcasts.

You can find links to the show on any podcast app [here](#).

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## ***What's Next***

Here in Kandern, as in many places the world over, Spring brings with it a marked transformation in the landscape. After months of grey and dead foliage, the world around you suddenly seems to burst into life. Often it feels as if the change occurs virtually overnight. Just as we watch for these changes to come as we enter the beginning of Spring, so am I awaiting the hopeful next steps in much of my ongoing ministry work.

Like I mentioned in the update above, **God is continuing to provide by growing our network and connections in the international film community, all of which is serving to help build the foundation from which our “Adieu” film project can be launched.** These partnerships and relationships also offer exciting new avenues through which to pursue funding, and we are hopeful about the direction God is leading!

Alongside development for “Adieu,” my team continues to serve GEM with video tools. We are currently in conversations with GEM leadership over several stories of transformation and hope throughout the field that it would serve the mission for us to tell. We hope to be prepping a new video project to serve one of GEM’s many growing fields throughout Europe sometime in the next few months. **Getting to help extend the reach of our colleagues through our video resources is always something we look forward to as a team!**

In late May, I will be traveling to The Netherlands for this year’s “summer” GEM-K camp! **This year we are seeing several changes to the way GEM is structuring their mid-year conferences, which is requiring us to adapt and adjust our usual structure.** I am hopeful that the changes will allow us to serve and lead our GEM-K students in new and fresh ways that God will use abundantly in their lives, and look forward to getting to bless this incredible ministry!

Thank you all for your ongoing support and encouragement! It was such a blessing to get to see and catch up with many of you over the holidays! I pray you are feeling the hope and life inherent in the coming season.

Till next time...

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## Prayer Requests

- *That God would make a way toward the right funding and production partners for our film. Please be particularly praying for funding directly out of Switzerland, as that is the country we desire to see most deeply impacted by this film.*
- *Please be praying for my walk with God as I seek His wisdom for how to better pour into my community and offer space for fellowship where I'm seeing needs (primarily with men and singles).*
- *Please be praying for wisdom and discernment (and no small amount of creativity) as I pursue the best way for my small group guys to receive from God through the rest of the year!*
- *Please be praying for the logistics and planning of our next mission story project! Pray that all the pieces come together so we can serve the field and the missionaries working wherever we end up, as well as for their ministry to be fruitful!*
- *For the GEM-K staff team (those who are full time, navigating these issues right now, as well as those of us who volunteer at the events) as we adjust to the changes. Please also pray for the students who are not able to attend because of the timing, that God would meet them in His own way this summer and provide another outlet for them to draw closer to Him and fellowship with like-hearted peers!*



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