

## My first month in Germany

I associate the first days in Deutschland with quite different feelings, excitement and fear getting to know the culture to immerse myself in everyday life.

Now I am well settled all thanks to the people who welcomed me and opened their doors and home. And has also been my comfort away from home.

The language I thought it was going to be easier. But nevertheless, I can construct sentences and understand some of the words.

Words like “guten Tag, mein Name ist”! which means “good day, my name is”.

“Entschuldigung” which means “excuse me”. And “wo wohnen Sie” which means “where do you live”.



I visited one of the churches in Aachen known as Aachener Dom. Aachen cathedral is one of the oldest cathedrals in Europe.

Built in around 800 AD, it was the first cathedral in north Europe. It served as the church of coronation for nearly every German king. And for me it was awesome to be in such a place for the first time in my life.

But I was surprised when I went for mass only to see elderly people in church. And my wonder remained as to why young people in Germany never attend mass.

One day we went for sports, and after that we took a boat, and it was awesome for me to be in the boat for the first time. And we also went for swimming in a swimming pool that was a fantastic moment for me.

I also discovered that the weather in Germany is quite different from Zambia. The sun here in German sets now around 21:00 hours.



I was astonished by the relationship between animals and human beings. How much these people are attached to animals: they go for walks three times a day. And treat them as one of them.

I was shocked to see big fields of maize. And only to be told they were for cattle, fields where you can get a thousand of millie meal bags. It's all for animals and human beings only eat a little bit of it.

Because of that I got interest to visit one of the houses for animals. I was shocked that a place that can accommodate a human being is used for cats, dogs, and birds.

When I went for a ride with a bicycle, I was very much surprised on how these people recognize each model of transport. Roads that can be used for big cars and buses are used for bicycles and not for cars.

There are a lot of things that amazed me from the time I came. The German people use more of paperwork to keep information. Despite having technology and electrical objects. Just wish to enjoy more from the remaining months and get to know more. Thank you, ewe!

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