

The Wuethriches at Wallowa Lake:

Wallowa Lake Camp has been blessed with a couple from Switzerland - Rolf and Claudia Wuethrich, and their daughters Selina and Jelene. Rolf is a seminary student at Reutlingen Theological School in Germany. The Methodist Conference that includes Switzerland also includes Poland, Austria, and the former Czech and Yugoslavian nations. The common language when folks gather is English. Carol Seckel, a missionary from the Oregon-Idaho Conference serving now with the German Methodist Conference (in charge of English language ministries and outreach to new immigrant populations in Germany) connected Rolf and his seminary professor with us. The family has spent five weeks at camp constantly improving their English as they interacted with volunteers and guests and helped all around.

Rolf and Claudia owned a hardware store. The local Methodist pastor encouraged them to attend the Methodist Church and had them come to his home for Bible studies and small group gatherings. Through the witness of the pastor, Rolf and Claudia gave their lives to Jesus. They helped start a new congregation. Rolf was further encouraged to begin seminary training to give more leadership to the new church. As one of Rolf's field work requirements for school, he was assigned to an inner-city ministry in Stuttgart to work with homeless persons and persons with addictions.

Rolf and Claudia have helped with endless tasks at camp. They are a joyous and adventurous Christian couple with two delightful daughters. They were truly a God-send to us!

--Ingrid Cook

