

Hello Dear friends of the sun-SOL!

For our last post of the year we wish you all a really great time over the festive season.

There has been so much going on in our humble house lately! Finally the fabulous newly restored front facade was revealed. The scaffolding was taken down and it is a delight to see the plastered flowers lovingly watch over our patch of street again. Many hours, helpings hands and professional tips and tradespeople saw us restoring the player work as necessary due to Historic-protection standards. Where possible we have left the facade in its original state – that charming grey-brown Leipzig pre-renovation look.

The departure of the scaffolding also marks our goodbye to the 'schut-rutscher' or rubble-slide. Many many tons of rubble have been removed from walls, floors and everywhere. Most recently teams of friends and helpers have been at the walls, hammering the spots where cracks are so that we can refurbish the walls and ensure better insulation! Our very last rubble dumpster container still waits patiently in front of the house...soon to be gone.

As the temperature sinks we have nicely timed our indoor focus of the build to begin. Some highlights are the Trockenbau project, heating and electrics!

So on a few occasions now we have had the extra special request for people to help us load Gib sheets into the house in preparation for the big build in the roof. All of the walls and rooms will be constructed this winter. Luckily a great team of people who know how gave a workshop to this particular type of building so that people from our project can also take part in the build. As far as I have seen...metal frames are being installed and the Gib sheets go up on them with insulation between...some of the walls are over four meters long so this is going to be a potentially challenging project!



Every week we sit together as the whole group for meetings to discuss many decisions to be made and group process stuff...much to our joy the office room where our meetings take place is now lovely and warm! The heating radiators in the office and group-kitchen-to-be have been installed and turn on! So good to know that our awesome building team are cosy for morning run-downs and coffee and meetings and so...no longer huddled around the little gas burner! Heating in the rest of the house is planned to go in once the walls have been repaired. In the mean time our electric instillation dude is laying cables and fitting plugs...it's big job.

Often in the house one task is reliant on the finishing of another task and sometimes we are learning this as we go! Our building team (bau-ag) are impressively clever at working out how everything needs to come together. They are working really hard and those of us who can't be there everyday come and help out as we can. To celebrate all the hard work and our ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY since we signed the

ownership papers we all went out for an evening of starlight bowling! It was a really funny evening and a great chance to spend some time together as a group not covered in dust!

So with that were really happy to share a bit of our journey with you and hope you have a lovely time whatever you might be celebrating and a Guten rutsch! (Just not in the schut-rutscher anymore).

Kindest Regards SOL Leipzig

