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Dear Friends ,

TT – Travelling Together' (4)

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“Bye-bye washing!” This is what our little Timo came out with as he said goodbye to us – after 10 days in Switzerland there were mountains of washing on the sofa waiting to be sorted, surrounded by packing cases and half-empty shelves... Well, we haven't moved **yet**, but **already** we seem to be right in the middle of it! Our landlord, **Mr. T.**, is insisting on the three months' notice and he is also adding some unrealistic subsequent financial conditions. This means that it's taking longer than planned and we can't be fully settled in our new flat till the end of October, but **we will still have to pay for both flats** in the meantime. We would very much like to be able to move without falling out with him, but this is really pushing us to our limits!

PLEASE PRAY for our landlord who is an elderly bachelor, very well off, but not in good health! We have spoken to him often about having a personal faith.

God has given us a surprise!

Unbelievable but true! Two months ago we sent in our income tax return. Soon afterwards we had a call from a very helpful tax official who had noticed how little Margret was earning. Over the phone he dictated a letter for us to send to the appropriate office, and this led to **Margret getting a full tax rebate!!**

It's that time again...

...when many of our young short-term missionaries are finishing their time abroad and returning to Austria. In the coming days and weeks we will have visits for debriefing from **Esther-Eva** (eastern Mediterranean region), **Sylvia** and **Beate** (South America), **Clemens** and **Hanna** (Peru), **Gerd** (Jordan), **Wolfi** (Congo), **Gabriel** (Kenya) and **Sara** (central Asia). On 6th September we are sending husband and wife team **Christian and Claudia** out from their BEG church in Vienna to Japan in co-operation with the Alliance Mission (Germany) (www.turntoscripture.wordpress.com). **Conny** will soon be going out to Burkina Faso. She is coming to visit us in mid-September. Her valedictory service will be in Steyr on 27th September. **Hans-Georg is preaching.** We have 2 interesting and challenging contacts, **A.** from a Mu.sl.im background and **J.** from an Orthodox one. They have both enquired about doing some form of service. **With these in particular, and also with all the others, we depend very much on wisdom from above to advise and guide them appropriately!**

SKYPE is a really big blessing to us...

We are able to keep in contact with our people throughout the world. At the moment for example we are in touch with Anna in Madagascar who is looking after the disabled son of a missionary family. The connection is so clear that it is as if she's in the next room! SKYPE is similar to the widely used ICQ. You can download the software for free from the official SKYPE website: www.skype.com/intl/en/download/skype/windows/downloading/. **Our SKYPE-ID is HansMaggiHoprich.** Just call us up!

The holidays are over!

On 7th September **ANNIKA** is starting the third year at the grammar school, which is supposed to be a tough year, including learning Spanish. Annika is a great help to us, especially with our impending house move. She often spends her spare time with Timo, her 2 year old nephew – she's like a big sister to him. **THANK YOU** for praying for her and also for our **MANUEL!** He needs a lot of courage as he takes the next step!

LENNY, our second grandchild, is thriving and growing (www.babygalerie.at/index.php?instid=5&bl=3&baby=23981). Daddy **BENJAMIN** has now found a suitable job here in Eisenstadt, after the diving firm where he worked had laid off all its younger employees because of the financial crisis.

Advance notice of some events in Germany in early October

2nd Oct.: 19.30 Talk on Afghanistan, **Gerlingen** (nr Stuttgart) (www.johannes-rebmann-stiftung.de/en/missionaries/hoprich.html)

4th Oct.: 10.00 Preaching/Sunday school: 'Lifebase' Church, **Gerlingen** (www.lifebase.org)

19.30 Meeting: **Grafenberg** (nr Stuttgart)

5th Oct.: 15.00 Meeting: **Stuttgart-Büsnau**, 19.30 Meeting: **Stuttgart-Vaihingen**

We are looking forward to meeting up with old friends at these events!

MANY THANKS for your friendship, for following our progress in your prayers and for all your financial support!

Wishing you God's richest blessings,



Hans-Georg, Margret, Annika & Manuel

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