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Dear Friends ,

TT – Travelling Together' (13)

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On 1st June our first grandchild Timo Emmanuel celebrated his 3rd birthday...His little brother or sister is due to arrive at the end of July, God willing, and we're looking forward to the event so much! **Time is just flying by!** The older we get, the faster it seems it seems to go – it just slips right away from us! This is why we wish to make the best use of this precious gift from God as well as the talents and resources HE makes available to us – with your help!

May – a month of international meetings...

We love meeting up in Vienna with our Arabic-speaking brothers and sisters from the Middle East! At the start of May we attended another service with them. We are encouraged every time by the warm fellowship, the celebration of Communion and the meal together afterwards. After Hans-Georg had preached, two young people were officially welcomed into membership of the **Arabic church**. As well as the oriental music, we are fascinated by the way God's Word speaks so directly to people from a mu.sl.im background and how the interpreters make connections between two very different cultures.

Shortly afterwards we had a visit from **Alistair Hornal from England (SIM)** to get to know each other, but also more importantly to work on the initial stages of the co-operation initiative in regard to Eastern Europe. We took him to see friends in **Bratislava (Slovakia)** – about 40m/70km away from us – and then to a village by Lake Neusiedl for a meeting to prepare a funeral. The **funeral** itself took place the following day with over **200 mourners**.

On Whit Sunday (Pentecost) we were guests for the first time at the **Polish BEG church** in Vienna and celebrated with them the birthday of the church of Jesus worldwide! They gave us a very warm welcome! While we were on our way home, there was a call on our mobile – It was our **Chinese brothers and sisters!** On Whit Monday (24th May) Yap Chi and a number of other Chinese people met Hans-Georg in Eisenstadt to spend time sharing and discussing various matters. In the evening the charity gospel concert was held at the Eisenstadt Forum meeting place. The young **Gospel Choir from Bluefield College, Virginia, USA** presented a colourful, rousing programme of old and new style items including hymns, spirituals and Gospel songs. The audience of 120 or so people from Eisenstadt and the surrounding area gave them an enthusiastic reception. Through their **moving testimonies**, the singers gave a clear invitation to believe in Jesus Christ. The money raised from this evening (€ 834) is going to the reconstruction work in Haiti following the severe earthquake in January. **There was so much to GIVE THANKS for!**

These international meetings did us the world of good and really stirred our hearts!

We've never had so many enquiries...!

We had a phone call from Germany to say "Many thanks for making it possible for me to go!" T. was about to go out to Central Asia to work there as a teaching assistant and to help in a kindergarten for local people. We even had someone from Switzerland asking if and how she could be sent out via Austria... We were able to direct her to a Swiss partner organisation. The other **23 applicants** are all from Austrian churches and we are trying to advise every individual and seeking suitable places for them. We are currently busy with two enquiries about long-term missionary work in Japan and Israel. We need much sensitivity and wisdom as we have in-depth discussions with the candidates and allocate them to different missionary organisations!

We would be very GRATEFUL for your prayers for us during this time!

What's on the calendar for June?

2nd Jun.: Margret: evangelistic **women's meeting in Baden**, near Vienna (subject: 'Health')

6th Jun.: **Eisenstadt Forum:** Hans-Georg is giving the talk, Margret is leading the children's meeting

12th Jun.: Final session of the 6-part parenting course, Moedling, near Vienna

16th Jun.: We will give a talk together on Papua New Guinea to a women's group in Vienna

18th Jun.: **Outreach concert** given by musicians Outi and Lee (www.outi-loves-lee.com/at) at the **Eisenstadt Forum**

28th-30th Jun.: As a couple we are taking part in a **missionary consultation with our partner organisation**

Serving In Mission (SIM) at Buchenauerhof (DMG's HQ in S. Germany)

Good news: **Rita, our friend who has cancer, is feeling better in herself** (see TT11/12).

Please continue to pray for her as she has to cope with difficult family circumstances.

THANK YOU for all your prayers – we know you have been thinking of us. Thank you also for your gifts.

PLEASE also let us know what you are involved in and what your requests are.



It is a privilege to be travelling together with you towards the same 'goal'!
With love in the Lord

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