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Dear Friends ,

TT – Travelling Together’ (14)

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‘A change is as good as a rest’ – in our case the change was from Burgenland to Swabia (S. Germany)!

While we were at the DMG Mission headquarters at Buchenauerhof near Sinsheim, there was an opportunity for **personal meetings, consultation and planning, especially in regard to mobilising people to work in world mission**. We were also able to sit down with Walter from Switzerland and Alistair from England (both SIM) and arrange Hans-Georg’s first **visit to Romania in October** (a new area of work in Eastern Europe).

On the way back from Buchenauerhof we broke our journey in Stuttgart, a place which brought back many memories for us: it was where we both learnt our professions, where friends led us to Jesus, where we enjoyed lively fellowship in the youth group and took part in evangelism on Königstrasse in the city centre. It was where we started our married life and where Benjamin and Sebastian were born. It was where we received our calling and were sent out on to the missionary field. We were delighted that over 30 years later a group of young Christians is still busy giving out invitations in the same place and there is a Christian bookstall there!

News from Papua New Guinea...

Recently we have been in regular contact by e-mail with Charles in PNG. He is studying at the Christian Leaders’ Training College (CLTC www.cltc.spwd.net.nz/), together with his family. Through him we have had some very positive information about our former church district of Bialla on the island of New Britain. Our church building from those times is still there and has had to be extended; the churches are growing. However the work among the Mamusis isn’t making any progress. **But God’s Word is at work in the Kol and Mengen tribes in such a way that we could never have dared to imagine when we were there!** A huge new church district has come into being, stretching from the north coast over the steep chain of mountains including the active volcano, Mt Ulawun (2,334m), right across to Palmalmal (‘Google’ it up!) on the south coast.

We were simply astounded and so thankful and we are rejoicing over this from the bottom of our hearts!

Recently we visited a **women’s group** in Vienna who come from a **wide variety of different backgrounds**. Margret knows this group from a previous visit and on this occasion we had been invited as a couple and we’d planned to give them a talk on PNG. Having shown them only five pictures of PNG, we got on to a different matter at the request of the women themselves, namely: ‘How do I genuinely live as a Christian?’ We went on to explain how Jesus found us and tried to explain the difference between religion and the Gospel... They became so involved in the discussion that they were in no hurry to go home! **God caught us totally by surprise in this completely unplanned situation**. At the end they insisted we come back very soon to continue the topic...

Some current items in brief

Time and again we are overwhelmed and amazed at God’s care and provision, even right down to the little details in our life. Often the money doesn’t stretch to the end of the month and we pray very consciously for our daily bread! Our Father in heaven surprises us with HIS own ways and means of helping us through!

We are THANKFUL for health and safekeeping, strength and wisdom in all our challenges: Recently we conducted a funeral at which we were faced with a whole spectrum of religious, occult and alternative beliefs: atheists, Jehovah’s Witnesses, people who use divining rods and pendulums, money-obsessed and people who weren’t speaking to each other. They all sat together at the funeral and heard the Gospel in song and spoken word.

Our greatest wish: that Jesus Christ would find His way into these hearts which are cold and spiritually dead and that they would find values which will last for ever! **We always find this kind of occasion a great spiritual battle!** With the start of the school holidays (5th July here in Austria) it is now a bit quieter for us after the very busy recent months. We want to use this time to nurture personal relationships and invite people round who have been on our hearts for some time. We have more than a dozen names in mind.

Please pray for wisdom for us in this and that these will be fruitful meetings.

Dates to remember in your prayers

11th July: Preaching in Siegendorf, **13th July:** Talk on Afgh. at the Evangelical Church at Moedling near Vienna
Visits and deputation work in S. Germany: 31st July: Walheim, **1st Aug.:** Morning: talking about our work and preaching in Gerlingen. Afternoon: Villingen-Schwenningen **2nd-6th Aug.:** Friedrichshafen and Oberstdorf

Our great thanks go out with this ‘TT 14’...

Thanks first of all to our LORD Jesus and also to you for all your interest, your letters and other communications, and prayers and gifts! May you know HIS blessings in your lives – whatever your circumstances!



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We wish you all a happy and safe holiday time,

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