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Dear Friends,

TT – Travelling Together' (27)

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The devastating news from Norway...famine on an unimaginable scale...natural disasters in various places... financial crises... We've all known for a long time: there is probably no longer any 'safe' place on this earth. In the past few weeks we have realised afresh what an unbelievable privilege it is to have the Lord Jesus Christ as a secure anchor in life and in death! Here is our latest TT! We are sending it out **with much gratitude** as things are going unexpectedly well for us!

FORUM house group

We are delighted to tell you that three new women came along to our most recent house group meeting in July. Hans-Georg spoke on 'What do Christians actually believe?' **PLEASE PRAY for Helena, Mariza and Bianca**, that their hunger for God's Word and His truth will grow. The dates **for the next house group meetings are the 11th and 25th August** when we will consider other fundamental matters of faith.

Coming and going – short-term missionaries

"... Being here all seems like a dream. Sometimes I can hardly believe that God has made it all possible – **a year ago I had no idea** that it could ever happen, do you remember?" **This was what a 'Short-Termer' wrote to us from Africa.** She went on, "...I'm half-way through and I don't even want to think about it... I can't imagine myself leaving this place, honest! I'm getting on so well here and I feel God leading me so much. **What will it be like when I have to come back home?!** In the meantime she has 'landed' safely back here in Austria and we have had an **impressive debriefing meeting with her.**

Dates to remember in prayer

Friday 5th August we had another **funeral service in a village by Lake Neusiedl.** Again we were challenged to give the Good News of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life in a clear way as well as offering comfort! **21st Aug.: Hans-Georg is preaching at our FORUM.** It would be a great encouragement for us if some of the many tourists in Eisenstadt could come along to our service. Our meeting place is next to the Haydn Museum (the Adult Education Centre on the first and third Sunday each month at 10.00. **28th Aug.: The Valedictory service for Bettina in Vienna-Meidling (she is going out to Brazil).** Hans-Georg's text for his message is Psalm 117 'Laudate omnes gentes' ("O praise the LORD, all ye nations") **30th Aug.-5th Sept.:** Hans-Georg is staying in Vorarlberg (western end of Austria): a **debriefing meeting** in Dornbirn, followed by a **church holiday** with the Free Evangelical Church of Feldkirch in Switzerland (H.-G. leading the Bible talks). **PLEASE PRAY** for safekeeping on the long journey and for fruitful meetings and wisdom for the talks and discussions.

At the start of September Margret is going with our **ANNIKA** to the nursery teacher training college (*) in south Burgenland, which is why she is not able to attend the meetings in Vorarlberg. (* This state-run college is 100 km (63m) south of Eisenstadt and Annika will attend as a weekly boarder. This 5-year course will lead to the equivalent of A-Levels in 'Pedagogical Science', which will qualify her as a kindergarten teacher. We don't have to pay any fees for the course, only for her food and accommodation. Afterwards she will also have the option of going on to university to study the subject of her choice.)

This change of school for Annika presents us with greater financial challenges which are increased by the sharp rise in the cost of living. It is a **further matter of prayer** for us that our **living costs** would be covered by the gifts received for us through the DMG!

Margret's operation and other family news

Many people have made enquiries and it is certain that even more have prayed! **MANY THANKS!** Everything went smoothly and we are now waiting for the test results. During the past month both **DAVID** and **BENJAMIN** and their respective families have moved. They still live nearby. **MANUEL** has found a small flat in the city centre in Eisenstadt and will move in in September. That just leaves **ANNIKA** who will still be with us at weekends. Will we end up with 'Empty Nest Syndrome'?! **PLEASE PRAY** particularly for **MOTHER HOPRICH (86)** who has been in hospital for several weeks; following a severe infection she has had four operations on her elbow. At times the pain was unbearable for her!

"HILFE, DIE ANKOMMT" ("Help which surely arrives where it is urgently needed)

With the establishing of "Hilfe, die ankommt" as a charity, the BEG has been provided with a legal means of claiming back the tax on all money donated specifically for charitable, relief and welfare projects.

In the meantime "HELP FOR EAST AFRICA" has been set up!

Algeria: churches can continue to exist – a special answer to prayer!

A senior judge has assured the Algerian church leaders that no church in their area will be closed down in spite of the recent announcement by the local police chief. **Together with our friends in Algeria we GIVE THANKS to the LORD** that these churches can continue to be active and we pray that the authorities will respect the pledge given by the judge.

Another quotation for you:

"I have never seen a child of God becoming poor through being generous.

We may lose that which we possess, but we will never lose that which we give to God." (T.L. Cuyle)



THANK YOU for continuing to keep us company on our journey!

With our best wishes

Hans-Georg & Margret Hoprich with Annika & Manuel

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