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Dear Friends,

TT - Travelling Together' (28)

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In eastern Austria it is the last week of the summer holidays, but only for teachers and pupils. In our every day life we haven't been affected much by the holidays. As the days ahead are very busy we appreciate **that we are able to share our prayer requests with you!**

From East to West...

On 31st August Hans-Georg was travelling to Vorarlberg – i.e. from the eastern end of Austria to the far west, first of all to meet Veronika for a debriefing meeting in Dornbirn together with her Pastor, Daniel. Veronika had just come back from Niger in West Africa. From 2nd–4th September Hans-Georg was taking the Bible studies at the Feldkirch church weekend away in Switzerland. **THANKS to God**, for enough strength and for the right words for the various meetings. It had been planned for Margret to lead the children's work at the weekend away, BUT...

The nest will be empty...

...as from that very weekend! A particular prayer request therefore for our two youngest children:

MANUEL (24) will be moving into a flat **mid September** which he has found in the centre of Eisenstadt.

ANNIKA (14) has been moving to the nursery teacher training college in Oberwart (central Burgenland) on **4th September** and will be living there as a weekly boarder for the next few years and will only be at home at weekends.

PLEASE PRAY for both of them, that they will soon adjust to their new surroundings and that they will stay close to Jesus!

An engagement...up in the air!

We have some happy news to tell you: on 6th August **SEBASTIAN** chartered a small Cessna plane together with a friend who is an amateur pilot and high up in the clouds somewhere between Bad Vöslau and Krems he proposed to his girlfriend Anni who is from Peru. We thought it was such a lovely idea! We're so pleased for them!

Good news from PNG

Charles, a dear young brother from our time in Biella (New Britain Island, PNG) is studying and living together with his family at the Christian Leaders Training College (CLTC). He has been regularly keeping us up to date by e-mail and told us that the work among the Kol and Mengen tribes is continuing, new churches are being established and the various evangelistic teams have pressed on to the south coast and further to the east of the island to the large Baining tribe. Kore, who came to faith during our time there, graduated from the CLTC, was on the mission ship DOULOS for a few months, then became the first missionary to be sent out by the South Sea Evangelical Church and went to the Solomon Islands. On his return he was taken on as the Superintendent. Having had experience in another country he has now become a dedicated mission motivator! At the moment he is on a **fact-finding tour of a tribal area in neighbouring Irian Jaya**, Indonesia. We are delighted to hear about these developments and at the same time we are simply overwhelmed by the way God is at work and are deeply grateful!

Before we go off on holiday...

From 6th–8th September we have visits from **three short-termers**: a debriefing meeting with **Ursula** who has just got back from Spain, **Maggy** who is shortly going out to Quito in Ecuador and **Bettina** is going to Belem in Brazil to work with street children and will finally travel out, God willing, at the beginning of October. This will be a very intensive time of preparation! We are able to go away on holiday together with a dear couple who have been supporting us for over 25 years. From 11th–21st September we are at **Lake Balaton in Hungary**. **GIVE THANKS with us** for this much longed-for opportunity to relax.

Trip to Serbia

From 22nd September to 2nd October Hans-Georg is off to Serbia, via Villach in Carinthia and Zagreb in Croatia together with Ursula ('**50 PLUS Programme**') to have a look at possibilities for longer term missionary work in Serbia. Also a church leader and a mission leader will be with them. **PLEASE PRAY** for safekeeping as they travel and for God's guidance! During this time Margret will go to visit her mother in her residential home in Herrenberg, S. Germany (26th–29th September).

How relationships grow!

From time to time we have phone calls from E. who lives nearby and we meet up and sit and chat on her patio. There was another call from her – this time, a distressing one: a friend of hers had taken his own life! The widow asked her to ask us to arrange the funeral. The despair, helplessness and hopelessness in this family are indescribable! We have attempted to give comfort from the Bible through Psalm 46:10 to the congregation of mourners, who were still in a state of shock.

In such situations we often feel so helpless ourselves and we have to place our hope in God to act mercifully!

Also we have visits from H. We met her a **few years ago through our 'ProChrist' events**. At the moment she is going through difficult family circumstances. As far as we are able we are supporting her practically and giving her counselling. H. is experiencing in a very real way how praying with others can take so much of the burden from her shoulders and she is amazed at how God is at work. **Now we are praying that H. will come to know Jesus personally.**

THANK YOU so much...



...for your faithful support in prayer and in giving! We want to carry on together with you and for HIS honour as we seek to build the Kingdom of God.

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