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*Dear Friends,*

**TT – Travelling Together' (45)**

February 2013

Being snowed in has its advantages – if you live on a steep hill where nothing can move!  
This happened to us on the 'Eisenstadt Feiersteig' where we live. We had to pull out of all our activities, no more visits, no more shopping, just peace and snow... apart from the telephone and the internet which carried on working as normal. In spite of it all, it was a special time with more opportunity for quiet reflection and for prayer! An unexpected 'gift'!

### **Further surprises...**

We were amazed recently when a **dear neighbour** called us and soon afterwards appeared on our doorstep. We have known her for a long time and have invited her round on many occasions. Most times we got the answer: the time wasn't right and she would call us! Now we were able to talk to her openly about the important things in life, namely about our relationship with God. We had a **good time** talking and we hope that she will come again...

**Another neighbour** rang us up in desperation, as her elderly mother had just gone into hospital and she thought she might have done something wrong in the way she was looking after her.

Some people carry a heavy load of guilt and we wish so much that they could experience real forgiveness. Many only know 'justification by works' and have no idea of the riches of God's grace!

These two people are among many others that we have frequent contact with.  
Christian outreach here depends mainly on individual relationships – one to one, face to face!

### **Eisenstadt FORUM: workers, church services, house group...**

In the past weeks we have made it a priority to get to know and share with all our **FORUM workers**. We have visited every one of them at home. Every visit was in its own way inspiring, encouraging and an impetus for us to press on together and cheerfully with this great and wonderful task of establishing the church fellowship here.

This year our **church services** have centred around a series of sermons on the first thirteen chapters of the Book of Acts: '**Church building Site**'. Topics include 'The Planning Stage', 'The Site Itself', 'The Team of Builders', 'Botched Building Work' and 'The Boss – there's only ONE!' We have just put together our plan for the year.

For instance we will have our **first baptism service** in the summer, a **church holiday** together with a fellowship in Vienna, a service with our brothers and sisters from the Marchfeld region (between Vienna and the border with Slovakia), a **youth weekend** and an outreach **Gospel concert**...

We see our **house group** as an ideal opportunity to build up relationships. We meet once a fortnight on Thursdays and at the moment we are going through '**The 100 most important Bible passages**', starting with the creation of the world, the story of Noah and the Tower of Babel, and we have now arrived at Abraham. We are amazed at how he gets to be called the 'Father of Faith' in spite of all his human weaknesses! **We are making many new discoveries in the Bible which are important for our lives.** In this way we are hoping to help to lay a foundation of faith in the lives of all those taking part.

**Even P. belongs to the house group!** She had a brain operation eight years ago and had made a remarkable recovery. At a check up they have found another tumour which is inoperable.

Please pray for P. and all her family, and for the doctors who are treating her!

**Eva** has been suffering for seven long years with severe migraines which confined her to a darkened room.

In the meantime **her condition has improved considerably.** Through much prayer she can come to the services again and really enjoys the singing. This is **really something to give thanks for!**

### **Mission in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Why?**

In the past few days Hans–Georg was invited on to **ERF** (a Christian radio station) in Vienna to record **an interview** on this subject. The interview will be interspersed with reports from our short–termers. May the finished programme be an attractive and passionate presentation of God's great task, which will only end when the Lord Jesus comes again!

### **Please pray for us in February...**

- **ProChrist:** please pray for enough workers and blessing in the various things which need to be done to prepare for it
- **11<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup> Feb.:** Margret will be with her mother in **Herrenberg**. There is much to do there and to arrange.
- **16<sup>th</sup> Feb.:** Visit to a **Chinese house fellowship in Leoben**, Styria.
- **24<sup>th</sup> Feb.:** **Preaching in Floridsdorf, Vienna.**

### **Please write and let us know if we can pray for you!**

We send you our greetings for February! Several of you have been praying for us and for our ministry over a number of years. **THANK YOU so much!** It is a real privilege!

**It is lovely, however, when new people join those who pray for us, support us and remember us.**

**A warm welcome to you!**



With love,

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