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TT – ‘Travelling Together’ (59)

“AS FOR ME, IT IS GOOD TO BE NEAR GOD.” (Psalm 73 v 28)

Dear Friends,

June 2014

“He was always a seeker... right to the very end of his life!”

With a heavy heart we had to put this sentence into the life story of a relatively young man when we took his funeral. When we met the bereaved to discuss the funeral arrangements, we learned that in the days before his untimely death the deceased was still searching for peace and for the answer to the despairing question: **“What will happen to me now?”** No one around him was in the position to give him an answer! His state of helplessness led to him being pumped full of tranquilisers and going into eternity without any hope! How much we would have wanted to tell him that God’s love does not shy away from the final questions about our lives. HE gave HIS dearest One that we might be with HIM for ever. Although this message didn’t reach the deceased, at least we were able to offer it to the congregation – as we have done many times before – the greatest message of all time!

We are challenged to trust that God has HIS OWN ways of reaching people’s hearts.

The question about heaven...

...has kept us very busy in the past month! To our delight we received so many replies to our email **‘SOS – We need your help’** that it simply hasn’t been possible to answer each one in person. THANK YOU for all your helpful contributions which Margret is using in her new talk: **‘Bringing heaven into our everyday lives’**. Now that we have both been so intensively occupied with this vital subject, we are rejoicing all the more about that which awaits us, and it spurs us on to inspire people around us about heaven.

“How do I get to heaven?”

Recently Margret was called to go and see 10–year old Caroline. Her grandmother was very concerned that her grandchild was too frightened to go to sleep in case she never woke up and also for fear that her parents or grandparents could be dead the next morning... Caroline was earnestly seeking answers about death and what followed. Neither her RE teachers nor her other grandma who is very religious were in a position to give her a satisfactory answer. It got so bad that her parents sought psychological help. Besides an unlikely diagnosis there was no help there either.

What a privilege it was for Margret to have the opportunity to show her God’s way to heaven!

We have heard that Caroline has now started to talk to the Lord Jesus and since then she has been able to sleep really well.

A little bit of heaven on earth...

... at our most recent FORUM prayer evening!

You can imagine what an encouragement it was for all our fellow workers when we assured them that here and there people were praying for our work, and actually all over the world! We were amazed as one participant after another told how people around them were being touched by the Gospel. Our prayer time was then so intensive that we could have carried on praying and no one wanted to go home! **THANK YOU, dear friends, for your support and for standing with us!**

To populate heaven...

A whole troop of highly motivated young **Austrian short-term missionaries** is ready and waiting to be sent out into all the world: Zambia – Chile – Kenya – Peru – Guinea Conakry – Zimbabwe – Nigeria – South Africa – Central Asia... to name only some... They want to be part of various teams working in these countries and help to **‘populate heaven’**. Others are coming back from Ecuador, Tanzania, India and Argentina. Our latest partnership agreement has been made with **‘Diospi Suyana’**, the Andes Hospital in Peru. During the summer months there will be numerous valedictory services, throughout the whole of Austria and we will be frequently on the road. In between times these short-termers will be coming to us in Burgenland for their days of preparation. **Together with you we pray for much personal success in their work and especially for safekeeping in body, soul and spirit for these candidates! Not to be taken for granted as there are potential risks.**

Dates for June

4th June: ladies meeting in Baden near Vienna (Margret) **6th–13th June:** various missionary friends are coming to us

12th June: Christian lecture meeting in Eisenstadt: Radio presenter Hadschi Bankhofer: “Why I believe”

13th–16th June: Feldkirch, Vorarlberg: preaching at a hospital service (Sat.) and valedictory service (Sun.)

18th–22nd June: FORUM church holiday in Pöllau, Styria: ‘Unity in diversity’ – Speaker: Christoph Windler

23rd June: OUR 35TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY **29th June:** preaching at the FORUM

We are on a journey between two worlds...

...‘TT’, travelling together with you – thank you for your friendship!



Yours in HIS service, Hans-Georg, Margret & Annika

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