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TT - 'Travelling Together' (72)

"ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER, JUST AS CHRIST ALSO ACCEPTED US TO THE GLORY OF GOD." (Romans 15 v7)

Dear Friends,

July 2015

"Moin, Moin!" – that's the Friesian greeting in the north of Germany – at any time of day... It really struck us, as over the years we have got so used to the Austrian greetings "Gruess Gott!" and "Servus!" The relaxing holiday in June by the North Sea is now behind us. As usual, we 'bookended' our time away with some deputation visits (preaching and reporting on our work) and visits to friends. There was SO much love, encouragement, support, helpful advice and warm hospitality – it was indescribable! Once again we were aware of how much we as a family and our ministry here are borne up in prayer by you all. Much of this is done unseen and faithfully over many years. **THANK YOU! Simply THANK YOU!**

Miriam Alexandra

Our wider Hoprich family was blessed with the addition of a sweet little new member on 7th June! Together with the proud parents SEBASTIAN & ANNIE we rejoice over the arrival of a totally healthy little girl – our **FIFTH grandchild**. The oldest of our cheerful band of grandchildren **TIMO IMMANUEL (8)** will soon be in the third year at school. Together with little sister **LINA MARIE (5)**, his Dad DAVID and his Mum CLAUDIA he is enjoying a few days' holiday by Lake Neusiedl.

BENJAMIN, our oldest son, took a month's holiday from his job as a diver to be a 'house-husband'. He was there to look after his two lads **LENNI (6)** and **SAMMY (2)** so that Maria could finish the semester of her teacher training course (first year of a 3-year course). MANUEL (28) has landed on his feet with his new company which is responsible for the 'inner workings' of large wind turbines.

ANNIKA (18) came home with a brilliant end of year report. She is starting the final year of her college course in September.

From Austria into all the world...

In the past few weeks we have been able to put partnership agreements in place with two more missionary organisations to lay the foundations for a beneficial co-operation. It took a lot of telephone calls, discussions via Skype, emails and meetings in person to get to know each other and to sort out many queries. Now our Association of Churches (BEG) is an official partner of the 'Alliance Mission' through which the **Freisleben family** from Austria will go out to **Japan**. Also there is an agreement with the 'Forum Wiedenest' so that **Sandra Eisner** can be sent out to **Nepal** with the co-operation of her home church in Innsbruck. Hans-Georg will be at her valedictory service on **26th July**.

At the moment we are in discussions with the **Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF)**. The Poinstingl family (pilots) are hoping to spend some time serving with them in **Africa**. On **8th July** Hans-Georg is meeting the MAF mission representative and church leaders in Vienna. A **third family** is waiting in the wings for a placement in the **eastern Mediterranean region**.

In this case also we will have to draw up an agreement with a partner mission.

This family is visiting us on **11th–12th July** as we would like to get to know them better.

GIVE THANKS with us for these developments, the like of which we've never seen before in Austria!

FORUM Baptisms

On the first Sunday in July we had another celebration at our Church! **Helga**, as well as **Lukas & Katja**, and **Roland** were baptised in the waters of Lake Neusiedl. **We praise God for quite a number of friends and family that came along to this special event and that their hearts have been touched by the personal testimonies of the candidates.**

News from Papua New Guinea

At the most recent general conference of the South Seas Evangelical Church (SSEC) with which we had worked on the island of New Britain from '85-'96, **Kore Wai** was chosen as the **first National Superintendent!** He had a rather chaotic life before he came to faith in the Lord Jesus and we were able to help him in his first steps of faith. With amazement we followed **Kore's** very special spiritual progress and his decision to go to the Leaders' College with his family and they were the first missionary family to be sent out to the Solomon Islands. His enthusiasm for the things of God, for the spiritual development in his own country and for world mission is undiminished! It will not be an easy task, but we are confident that with God's help **Kore & Mary** will manage in their new role.

We were very moved and his young family (he had three sons) are very much in our thoughts.

Visit to the DMG head office

From **18th to 23rd July** we will be doing **deputation work in Germany** again: first we will be in Usingen / Taunus (35 km / 22m north of Frankfurt) (www.feg-usingen.de) for a youth meeting, a ladies' afternoon meeting and preaching on the Sunday; then we will go to the Buchenauerhof, Sinsheim to report on our work and have discussions about our future with our sending mission 'DMG Interpersonal'. **We would be very glad of your support in prayer for these events and plans!**

For your faithful friendship in word and in deed we THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts.

We wish everybody who is now looking forward to holidays and refreshment a blessed time and God's safekeeping.

Many greetings from the heat of eastern Austria,



Hans-Georg, Margret & Annika

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