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## TT - 'Travelling Together' (76)

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

*Dear Friends,*

**November 2015**

Autumn greetings from fog-bound Burgenland! We have been enjoying the view of the already harvested vineyards alongside the roads; the colour of the vine leaves differs according to the type of grape being grown: from glowing yellow through orange to dark red – a wonderful 'palette' of colours... an **'art exhibition from the Master Painter'**!

### **There is SO much to give thanks for!**

"Imagine you praying – and God answering!" We are reminded of that as we look back over all that has happened in October! We are thankful for the way that our LORD has removed all the hurdles for our new fellow worker family: **Michael & Ruth Oswald and their son Lukas**. Normally it would have been really difficult to find a suitable (and half affordable) flat here in Eisenstadt! Now they are looking forward to moving into their new wonderful, good-sized, well-cared for, furnished home in a **block of flats in a central location** where there are many other young families. In actual fact the flat had been marked as 'let' for a long time, but for various reasons the contract didn't go ahead and suddenly the flat was re-available on the internet. Looking back it seems as if it was kept on one side especially for them! On 2<sup>nd</sup> November they moved into Burgenland from the Tyrolia. We are wishing and praying that they will settle in well here. We feel really privileged and we are really GRATEFUL to the LORD, as **Austrian spiritual leaders are hard to find!**

The few people who have completed Bible College training prefer to serve abroad.

So we are all the more delighted that the Oswalds have found their way here to our FORUM Church!

**Our task first and foremost will be to support Michael and Ruth as they settle into their new surroundings and start to get involved in church work.**

### **And something else to GIVE THANKS for...**

Our daughter Annika has passed her stage one exams in Geography and Economics with top marks. **It was important to her to have you supporting her in prayer!** For those who are interested: her topics were 'endogenous forces, plate tectonics, volcanism and earthquakes'. Before the main Matura exams (= A-levels) there will be the long-prepared for 'Maturaball' (Final Year Ball). It is traditionally a big event for which over 1,600 guests have requested tickets. We will also be there, along with the rest of the family...

### **Refugees – the story continues...**

On the last Sunday in October we welcomed a **large group of asylum applicants** to our church service. Our new friends are trying really hard to integrate, even though we could only communicate with them by using our hands and feet. We were so surprised when four of them appeared the same evening at our **monthly FORUM church meeting!** They probably understood very little of it, but they prayed fervently in their mother tongue Farsi. We found it very moving! One of them who has been living in Austria for a little while now is trying to mediate for them. He begged us: **"Please help us to learn German – money is no object!"** Now we are busy trying to find out how we can put together ongoing German language tuition. A number of highly motivated people have approached us who would be willing to join in with helping them learn German.

**Perhaps some of you have been involved in teaching English, German or other European languages to refugees and you would be willing to share your experiences with us!**

### **mission-net... – mission-net... – mission-net...**

Up till now Hans-Georg has been determined to see in the New Year here in Eisenstadt with family and friends... But out of the blue he was asked to step in for someone at **'mission-net'**, the **European Missionary Congress in D-Offenburg**. Together with fellow workers from Switzerland, France and Germany he will once again man the stall of our most important partner mission SIM. They are expecting about **3,000 participants** from all over Europe. Just as he did two years ago, **our son Manuel** has also signed up for it. We are glad that in the time before and after the Congress we will be able to visit some of our longstanding friends in the region.

### **A small selection of our dates for November – for your prayers...**

**8<sup>th</sup> Nov.:** Today we will both be taking part in the service at our FORUM Church: preaching and children's work.

**17<sup>th</sup> –1 9<sup>th</sup> Nov.:** Jakob is coming to us for preparation for his time serving in Papua New Guinea

**22<sup>nd</sup> Nov.:** **The Doss family** will leave for the US: We're praying for them to settle in well in their new work

**29<sup>th</sup> Nov.:** We are holding our monthly **church meeting**

**And "THANK YOU" again!**

**Without your dedicated support we couldn't even be here – that's why it's so good to have you on board with us.**

**We send you our warmest greetings and we THANK YOU for your interest and your commitment to us.**

Yours in His service



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