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## TT - 'Travelling Together' (77)

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

*Dear Friends,*

**December 2015**

Advent is... "a breaking in and a breaking out"... – eternity breaking through into our own time – and a breaking out – away from anxiety and fear and finding joy! That is and will remain our message which we love to keep on sharing, wherever uncertainty and failing courage are spreading and hopelessness is increasing.

As we look back over the past month we are of good courage! Not least when again we wish to sum up how many good things we have seen and experienced in the past year! Your faithfulness in prayer and practical support fills us with great gratitude! We thank you for your friendship and we rejoice every time we hear from you!

### German tuition and Bible study groups for refugees

In the meantime a regular German conversation group has already been set up for our new friends. Anni and Sonja, our FORUM co-workers, are leading this tuition course with great joy and dedication. The refugees are only too glad to take up this offer. Our son Manuel has already made friends with a number of the young men. They are showing a great interest in the Christian faith and together with Michael (our new co-worker) he has started a Bible study group on Tuesday mornings especially for them.

### "You don't know me, but I know you!"

This was we received the message out of the blue from Vincent after we published a link about a sermon Hans-Georg preached in English on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. in Vienna. Vincent was sent out by our partner church and he is responsible for the "Gospel Recordings Network" (GRN) in Papua New Guinea. He remembered Hans-Georg's passionate call to get involved with world mission in 1995 at the first regional missionary conference held on our island (New Britain).

In the meantime he studied management and then theology and is now a dedicated missionary himself.

It is interesting that the first missionary sent out by the South Sea Evangelical Church (SSEC), Kore Wai, is now the Superintendent, but he is also on the Advisory Council of the GRN.

Vincent writes: **"May the Lord bless you for promoting world mission so strongly in our church.**

**Your dedication in effort and time was not in vain! We will never forget: the Gospel is meant to be passed on and a church which doesn't see world mission as part of its task will slowly but surely die!"**

### MGB Germany...

What's the story behind this? The "MaennerGebetsBund (MGB)" (**Men's Prayer Fellowship**) has been in existence since 1996. It is a group of men in leadership in missionary organisations and church fellowships, from state and free churches, who meet regularly in over 70 places in Germany to pray for the needs of partner missionaries. From the beginning of November we have also belonged to this as a family. At the moment we are the oldest active missionaries to be prayed for in the MGB! This is a great privilege for us and we are very grateful! In May this year a "MGB Austria" was set up.

### Prayer requests for December

**4<sup>th</sup> Dec.: Visit from M., a young woman** who got involved with the occult while on a trip abroad and now finds it extremely difficult to sleep. She would like us to pray with her to be released from this.

**6<sup>th</sup> Dec.:** We have again been giving out a lot of invitations to our **Advent Celebration** in the afternoon at our FORUM Church. Now we are excited to see who will come along and who will be reached by the best message of all times.

**7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Dec.: A short holiday...** We are deeply grateful to Inge who invited us at short notice to come to Salzburg.

**13<sup>th</sup> Dec.:** On Sunday we will be at the club hut at the Eisenstadt Christmas Market, where once again we will be giving out fruit punch and Christmas biscuits and giving out our evangelistic calendars to the visitors. This always gives rise to good conversations. It is our wish that in this way we can point people to the real meaning of Christmas.

**20<sup>th</sup> Dec.: Preaching and children's work at the FORUM**

**24<sup>th</sup> Dec.:** Our **Christmas Eve family service** is always a good opportunity to come together yet again and to stand alongside many others to pause and give thanks to God for the great gift of His incarnation.

**26<sup>th</sup> Dec.-2<sup>nd</sup> Jan.:** Hans-Georg and Manuel will be in Offenburg in Germany for the European **mission-net** Congress. They will be looking after the information stand for SIM, one of our Austrian partner missions.

**We are very glad and thankful that time after time we can bring all our questions and cares to God who is so close to us. HE understands our disappointments, our uncertainties and our longings!**

**Trusting in HIM gives us courage for the next step!**

**And now we wish you a Christmas that will bring real happiness – because of the Lord Jesus! And a blessed 2016!**

Warmest greetings from Austria,

**Yours in His service**



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