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## TT – 'Travelling Together' (79)

**"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you." (Isaiah 66:13)**

*Dear Friends,*

February 2016

For many years as a family we have enjoyed reading together the 'Moravian Daily Texts'.

For this month we have been given advice from Mark 11:25, **"When you pray, first of all forgive so that your Father in heaven will forgive you."** It is fascinating to see how the Lord Jesus looks so deeply into our own hearts. So often we think that we can deal with God on the strength of our own personal 'piety' and how we get on with other people we want to exclude from our relationship with God. But Jesus holds these two things close together: God can only really forgive where we are ready to forgive. And yet: **His grace is always greater** than ours and His threads of patience do not quickly break. Often it takes a long time till God's mercy brings about in us a willingness to forgive. However, we have experienced ourselves that when we were willing to forgive, our Father in heaven has poured in **healing, new strength and deep peace!**

### FORUM Church

Our new young fellow-workers **Michael, Ruth & little Lukas** have settled in well and are doing a terrific job in preaching, children's work, RE and visiting etc. This is a real cause to give thanks. We meet up with them regularly early on Wednesday mornings to pray together, then have breakfast and a time of sharing. In our series of sermons on 'Praying through the Psalms' it is Hans-Georg's turn next on 14<sup>th</sup> February. He will preach on 'God's care and His blessing for the whole world' from Psalm 67. Looking over the fellowship in our FORUM it is a great matter for prayer for us this year to **identify and have a binding commitment** from all of our dear church co-workers. We still have plenty of room for new people...

### Martina

A few months ago we conducted the funeral of Martina's father. Martina is a single mother with two children. She is in a deep **relationship crisis** and has taken us up on our offer that following the funeral she can turn to us for help at any time. We are in regular contact with her and have **long conversations** with her. We wish very much that in the midst of her grief and disappointments she will find the Lord Jesus and new life in Him.

### German tuition for refugees

Our son **MANUEL** went to Germany in January to look for new direction in his work. The opportunities there have been unsuitable for him in the long term and he is beginning his search all over again. His asylum seeker friends have missed him very much and have kept in touch with him. Now he is back he can again give them practical support with transport, contact with the authorities and German tuition. Also **ANNI** from our church has been teaching German to a group of four Iranian refugees. In the meantime she has been looking after an **additional eleven asylum seekers** in a refugee centre here in Eisenstadt, which is a big challenge for her. This is quite a mixed group, mainly from Iraq and she is teaching them very basic German, communicating with them literally by using her hands and feet. **It's so encouraging for us** to see how Anni goes about her work and to see how grateful our new friends are for all she does.

### Austria – Ghana – Togo and back...

Hans-Georg again has the opportunity to go to Africa (**2<sup>nd</sup>–19<sup>th</sup> March**). As in previous years he has been invited to a leaders' conference with one of our most important partner missions. Over the years many valuable friendships have been built up, especially with the local people in Ghana and he is looking forward very much to seeing them again. Then from Accra he will go overland by bus along the coast to Lome in Togo where we will meet up as international partners for just under a week. The central theme of the conference and for the lectures and workshops will be **'Being and Making Disciples'**. Long-term missionaries in Togo have invited Hans-Georg to their mission station in Sokode. An important matter for prayer is **getting the visa in time...**

### While on the subject of Africa...

For a few years now we have been in contact with **Alex & Blessing**. This couple came originally from Nigeria and they belong to our BEG church in Vienna Floridsdorf, where they are much appreciated as church workers. Over the course of time they have had a growing desire to go **back to Nigeria** to use their talents for the Lord. On **28<sup>th</sup> February** they will be sent out to Nigeria by their home church as short-term missionaries. We have been invited to their valedictory service. We are delighted for this couple as this is the fulfilment of their **long-held wish**. They would be very grateful for support in prayer!

### "Nr. 30921 Hoprich (Missionary Conference, Chile)"

In our last TT we reported on our invitation to the international missionary conference in Chile. Many people have been asking for more information... This project can be supported via the various DMG bank accounts (see below) with the note **"Nr. 30921 Hoprich, Missionary Conference, Chile"**. In agreement with all parties involved including our Austrian missionaries in Peru and Brazil we will be there, God willing, from **23<sup>rd</sup> September – 20<sup>th</sup> October**.

**We THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts for your friendship, your trust, your support and the encouragement that you give. Especially we give THANKS for your support in prayer and financially!**

*Warmly, Hans-Georg, Margret & Annika*

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