

# Travelling Together (103)

„To the thirsty I will give freely from the spring of the water of life.“ (Rev 21:6)

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Jesus Christ said, "It is finished!" (John 19:30)

A young man asked a well-known preacher, "What must I do to be saved?" He got the answer, "It's too late!" The young man was alarmed, "Do you mean it's too late to be saved? Is there really nothing I can do?" "No," answered the preacher, "It's too late. It has already been finished! Jesus has paid the price. The only thing you can do is to believe!" What must I do in order to reach my goal? What must I achieve? "It is finished!" because it was on the Cross that the great exchange took place: God the Father looked on His perfect, precious and priceless Son as if He had lived the dirty, loathsome, sinful life of godless mankind – and those who repent and accept Jesus Christ as their King and Saviour, God the Father looks on as if they had lived the perfect, precious and priceless life of His Son. It is finished! This stands in opposition to my assertion: "But I have to do it!" and "I can't manage it any more!" This really is a matter of life and death, that it was finished a long time ago! Take it personally – for yourself: "It is finished!"

## We are standing with you!

In the past few weeks we have had news about **illness** and **loss** among you, our dear friends! We need to tell you that we are praying for you! "When one member suffers, then all the members suffer too!" (1 Cor 12:26) Quite a few of you are in very difficult situations, in deep mourning, wrestling with unresolved questions and uncertainty – in need of strength, patience, comfort and confidence... May our Lord be with you in a very special way, so that you may find HIS help throughout this challenging time. Don't forget, the Lord Jesus is there in every situation, in all circumstances, and He is in control! **HE is greater still! You are not forgotten or abandoned!** (Heb 13:5)

## We're right in the middle of it...

We are in the hand-over phase of a part of our work and we are in constant contact with **Timna** who is gradually taking over our responsibilities with regard to the care of the long- and short-term missionaries in the **BEG Foreign Missions Department (TAM)**. Timna's enthusiasm, her courage and her openness to this new challenge are a great encouragement to us, and something to be very grateful for! Also we are coming up to some more consultations about various matters. One thing will certainly be included: the continuation of leadership responsibilities within TAM after we leave. This month we will have an interview with **Christopher** in preparation for his **short-term placement in Tanzania**. From **9<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup> March David & Lisa** are coming to us for preparation for their **long-term missionary work in Kenya**. This is always a very intensive time with a lot of things to cover. Please pray for clear direction for this young family. On **19<sup>th</sup> March Monika** is coming to see us and we will get to know each other and discuss with her the next steps in regard to the possibility of working in Romania. Two of our future long-term missionaries are travelling out with missionary organisations (**OMF & ECMI**), with which new partner-ship agreements are to be put in place, forming the basis for helpful co-operation. This needs a lot of wisdom and sensitivity, weighing things up together and approaching each other until a consensus has been reached.



## WhatsApp-Broadcast-List...

For quite a while now we offer the possibility to read or view about us in between on WhatsApp. If you want to be included in this list, would you please let us know this through: **+43-664-5544021**.

## The flight to Papua New Guinea has been booked!

We thank you all for your support in making this visit possible. Thank you also for the many affirming and encouraging messages you've sent us! Our **departure date is 10<sup>th</sup> April** and we hope to be back safely in Austria on **27<sup>th</sup> May** – God willing! We are counting on "**God's special moments**" ('kairos') in the various places we're visiting and we are also praying for safekeeping. There are still some things to arrange: injections... medicines to take with us... accommodation in various places... hand luggage... etc.

## Engagements coming up in March... Please pray with us:

**Marriage preparation course** with Stephan and Melanie: the sessions will be spread across March – the date for the wedding has been set for 1<sup>st</sup> June.

**7<sup>th</sup> Mar.:** We have been invited to the Evangelical Academy in Vienna (**EVAK**) to teach about **taking funerals**. We hope that we can pass on helpful basic principles for this area of ministry...

**11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Mar.:** **Preaching engagements** at the Eisenstadt Forum and in the Grace Church in Vienna

**24<sup>th</sup> Mar.:** Margret is the speaker at the **Ladies' Breakfast Meeting** in Oberwart (Burgenland) – the biggest in all of Austria. She is speaking on "The main thing is to be healthy... isn't it?" We are praying for open hearts!

**26<sup>th</sup>–28<sup>th</sup> Mar.:** We are expecting **Mike Wagner**, the Europe leader of our partner mission "**Pioneers**" (has over 350 missionaries in Europe alone). Our meeting will be about deepening our relationship and having good discussions with a view to possibly working together in the future.

Many thanks for your interest and for taking the time to read this and to pray! Thank you for all the different ways you support us! May God bless you and your loved ones. Till next time...

Yours in His service,

*Hans-Georg, Margret & Annika*

## 'Prayercorner'

### Praise God for...

- "It is finished!"
- Having you as our friends
- Timna's enthusiasm
- Excitement over our visit to PNG

### Please pray for...

- Help for our friends in crisis
- The Marriage Preparation Course
- EVAK, the preaching engagements
- Margret's Ladies' Breakfast Meeting

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