

TT - Travelling Together (108)

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

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He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end." (Ecclesiastes 3 v 11)
Eternity is in my heart. It lies there, well protected. My heart would be so empty if it wasn't there. It is unimaginably big. Unimaginably long. Unimaginably beautiful. It's an unimaginable concept! Infinite breadth, infinite time, infinite beauty. I can grasp what I can imagine and make it huge and think I've got at least a vague idea of something I can't understand. It's astonishing that something so big has a place in my heart. To contemplate one's own finiteness, that's a special ability of us human beings. It brings us in contact with God. God has placed eternity in our hearts. I try to picture the beginning and end of something that has no beginning and no end: Creation and eternal life. "There is a time for everything... to be born and to die, to plant and to uproot." (3:1-2) Even longing and understanding have their time. Eternity is one long road. We are travelling along it. The Lord Jesus shows us the way of salvation: This IS the way! HE is the beginning and the end. HE knows the final destination!

Taking stock...

At the end of June we stepped down from the leadership of the **BEG's Foreign Missions Department (TAM)** and we can look back in deep gratitude on twenty years' involvement in this exciting area of ministry. Many contacts have been made and new initiatives put in place including **partnerships with more than twenty-five different missionary societies**, and, in particular, opportunities for motivated Austrians to go out to just about every country in the world. At the end we took stock and worked out the number of those who contacted TAM with a view to taking part in missionary work. We were amazed ourselves and **we give God the glory**: There were well over **two hundred people** that we have been able to support short- or long-term. At the time that we stepped down we had been taking care of **about ninety short-term and over thirty-five long-term missionaries** who had found their place in world mission. Behind every co-worker who has been sent out there are committed churches who are supporting that person's ministry and carrying them in prayer! Without this 'covering', world mission would not be possible!

We are **filled with deep gratitude** when we think of you and your valuable support over all these years!

The next step... - South Africa??

Recently we **booked our flight to Johannesburg and Cape Town (9th-30th Oct.)!** How did this come about? A decisive factor in our consideration of this direction was the newsletter from a Swiss colleague working with SIM in which she described her work and the challenges of **Member Care**. She mentioned that she and her team were often overwhelmed and urgently needed more people to help. **We were really moved by this and it has stayed with us!** Following on from this we got in touch with the leaders. Then we had an invitation to get to know the team and the situation on the ground and 'get a taster' of Member Care work. We would also like to find out if we are in a position to live and work in the strict security conditions which are normal in South African cities. In the first full discussion with the regional leaders via Skype we found out that **SIM has about 300 international co-workers in South Africa and in 9 of the 14 'ROSA states'** ('Region Of Southern Africa').

SIM: 'Serving In Mission' is the most important missionary society for us after the DMG.

All this is a considerable step of faith for us and we are excited to see where God will lead us!

Germany - Austria - Switzerland - Italy - UK

In September we will, God willing, be serving in **five European countries**:

2nd: Preaching at Grace Church, Vienna. Hans-Georg is continuing his series from the Old Testament

7th-9th: We are taking part in **125th Anniversary of SIM in Bern, Switzerland** (www.sim.org)

10th-15th: **Further training on 'Member Care'** at the Academy for World Mission in D-Korntal, Germany

20th-24th: **Church weekend** Free Evangelical Church in Bozen, S. Tirol, Italy: Bible studies, counselling...

27th-2nd Oct.: Missionary conference **Lisburn, Northern Ireland, UK** (www.lisburnbaptist.com), Reports, talks...

We are delighted to have these very different opportunities to be involved and we wish to pray together with you for **wisdom, flexibility and strength**, and especially for **God's blessing and fruit!**

Please do **remember** in particular our son **Manuel** who is going through a very challenging time of illness!

THANK YOU!

You have been a great help to us financially! The cost of **our new computer has now been covered!** The next thing is the financing of our further training course on 'Member Care' in Korntal. Please see side panel for information on how to send donations. We would be **very grateful for your support**. Further details of this course can be found on the website: www.awm-korntal.eu/page/member-care.html

Our sincere thanks to you for standing with us so faithfully and for your interest and all your encouraging emails, texts and WhatsApp messages. It really does us good to have them! As we go into the autumn and the new school year, we wish you God's richest blessings and HIS strength. May you know HIS presence and HIS leading every day.

Yours in HIS service

Hans-Georg & Margret

'Prayercorner'

Praise God for...

- 'Eternity in our hearts'
- 20 years with TAM
- Many good experiences
- You, our faithful 'team members'

Please pray for...

- The planned visit to South Africa
- Clear guidance
- Engagements in D-A-CH-I-UK
- Our son Manuel

What are you occupied with?
What would you like us to pray for?

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