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„Seek peace and pursue it!“ (Psalm 34:14)

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“There is no-one like you, and there is no God but you.” 2 Sam 7:22.

Thoughts of our future son-in-law David Leschnik on our verse for the month of May: “This statement does something that is barely possible for any sentence to do... it sums up in just a few words what the 66 books of the Bible are saying! It describes an almighty, holy **Sovereign**, an imaginative **Creator** who in **HIS light** and **HIS purity** has to be separate from all others. At the same time these words speak of a loving Father who is incomprehensibly gracious and loves extravagantly. They speak of a God who acts and reacts in an approachable way, as no person could do. How can I better describe the **depth, the height and the breadth of HIS character** than in the words of this song: “You say where the sun rises, You dictate the course of time, show darkness where its limits are, and You stretch out the heavens. You love those who don’t deserve it and help the weak to get to their feet. You chose death for my salvation, You give me strength to look ahead. There is no-one like you. My God, is greater, higher, wider than the heavens, Your love is deeper than the ocean. What you say will remain for all time.”

A week after Melinda’s birth, on Easter Day...

...there was another kind of birth – someone was **born again!** Can we introduce you to ‘Mary Magdalene’? She is 66, comes from Vienna and lives in Burgenland. On that Sunday she came along again to our Easter service. We invited her to come round to us for coffee in the afternoon. She told us about her eventful and often difficult past. She kept saying that never in her entire life had she heard this liberating message of love and reconciliation. **“Why hasn’t anyone ever told me this before?”** We invited her to come to the risen Lord Jesus. She understood this and she made a firm decision, there and then, to live for Jesus Christ. The joy that followed was simply indescribable! **Now we are praying** that her trust in Jesus will put down deep roots and that she will be able to leave her bitter past behind.

Our visit to Portoroz in Slovenia

Our week with the PIONEERS co-workers from all over the world at “EuroConnect” was very enriching and encouraging. Spiritual input, times of worship, interesting workshops, times of sharing with ‘old’ friends and new acquaintances and the wonderful arrival of spring in the Adriatic countryside – it was all so impressive and it has made us grateful that we belong to something greater. We were given a very warm welcome as new “Member Care People”. They have shown a lot of trust in us! Hardly does a day go by when we aren’t in contact with at least one of our co-workers – by email, phone, Skype or WhatsApp. From **9th–12th May** we have been in **Croatia** with a missionary family. They are changing their place of service from one country to another and they’ve requested a detailed **debriefing**. While we were at EuroConnect we stayed with our long-term friends, Josip & Sofija in nearby Umag (Croatia). We have been supporting their small lively church since 2001. On 12th May they had a baptism service and Hans-Georg has been asked to prior preach on **“Baptism – an important sign of obedience!”**

What actually is “Member Care”??

It’s about ensuring that **missionaries in intercultural ministry** are healthy, resilient and effective in the long term. It involves **looking after them personally**, and **training** and **advising** missionary organisations and sending churches and helping them responsibly **prepare, support** and **encourage** the missionaries and their families.

What have we got coming up?

17th & 18th May: Training sessions for our emergency counselling work

19th May: Hans-Georg was preaching at our Eisenstadt Forum Church

26th May: Missionary service at the ‘KUM Church’ in Salzburg, Hans-Georg did the preaching. **The Miner family**, (a young couple with two children) were sent out to Kenya. We had been supporting and advising them for many years. – **30th May–2nd June:** ‘Grace International Fellowship Linz’ – **church weekend away** – Bible studies and talks in English

“Save the date” – our own valedictory service...

This has been set for **14th JULY** at St. Peter’s Church, Gerlingen (S. Germany). It will coincide with the visit of **King Nene Sakite II from Ghana**; it is provisionally planned that he will be at the service. During Hans-Georg’s visits to **Kroboland** he has had a number of audiences with King Nene. Since the time of **Gerlingen missionary Johannes Zimmermann** there has been an ongoing connection with Kroboland – for over 160 years! It will be **a very special occasion!**

THANK YOU so much for your prayers and your sacrificial giving for us and our work here in Austria and elsewhere.

You are our partners in our work here, and that is a great encouragement to us!

Yours in His service, *Hans-Georg & Margret*

„Prayercorner“

Praise God for...

- Our mighty Creator & Father
- Our healthy grandch. Melinda
- The enriching EuroConnect Confer.
- You – our faithful ‘team members’

Please pray for...

- The new life of M. Magdalena
- Wisdom in our tasks
- Valedictory & Church weekend away
- Our children & their families

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

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