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

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“Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.” Prov. 16:24

In our verse for the month God's way of speaking shines through. HE speaks kindly with us people. Pleasant, or kind, doesn't mean 'superficially nice', also it doesn't mean, 'fill your mouth with honey!' But it does mean that God remains merciful towards people, even when He is speaking 'plain text'. God's mercy is at its clearest in the person of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. **Jesus speaks kindly to people**, forgiving, healing, encouraging, liberating. HE still does it today – to every one of us. Kind speech brings attention, esteem, shows genuine praise and gratitude, provides the basis on which to address serious matters and to express helpful criticism. Kind words do good, they motivate, provide help, create real relationships and allows them to grow. They are basically **God's tools** through which HE speaks into the lives of other people and brings about change, **very therapeutic!** We wish our church fellowships to be places of 'kind words' where something of the kindness of God appears in the sincere kindness of people: **“Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed are those who take refuge in him.”** (Ps 34:8)

The month of May...

...was full of interesting meetings and many miles on the road! We'd only just got back from Slovenia when we were off on the motorway again, to Zagreb in Croatia to see a **young family** with three small children who were in transition for another country of ministry. We had three intensive days with them. Afterwards they said, **“Discussions, praying, reflecting, letting things go, being thankful, processing things emotionally – all these have helped us to be able to move forward freely.”** We also spent some time specially with the children to talk about some important matters in an age-appropriate way, to ask questions and to give them some help. It was a very valuable experience for all of us! During the extended weekend of 30th May–2nd June we had the great pleasure of being with “Grace International Fellowship” (“GIF”) in Linz for their **church camp** away. You will know that we are in our element when many different nationalities come together: there were people from Australia, The Philippines, Hong Kong, Ghana, Colombia, Argentina / South Africa, Croatia, Syria, England... It was a **wonderful time of fellowship**. Their request for the Bible studies, held in English, was to learn more about “Evangelism in the church setting”. One afternoon the topic centred on “Christian Marriage”, and we were asked to give some input. We wish to give **our heartfelt thanks** to all those who prayed for us as we undertook these various times of ministry!

Making contact

In the meantime we have got in touch with a good number of missionaries in our partner organisations. It's a **great joy** to us to get to know these co-workers and to be able to support them. The first point of contact is usually via Skype or WhatsApp. The ones we've spoken to so far have all said they'd be keen for us to visit them in their respective places of work. Up till now a **'working visit'** of this kind hasn't really been possible due to the lack of **Member Care** staff! Our co-workers are based e.g. in the Middle East, North Africa, Mexico, South & Central Asia, the Balkans, Hungary and France. It's also interesting to see where they've come from: Holland, Serbia, Madagascar, Croatia, Spain, England, France, Switzerland, Austria & Germany. At the moment we have got a visit planned to see a co-worker couple based in **southern Hungary (13th–16th June)**. The **cultural diversity** will be a challenge for us and we would be glad if you could pray that we might have wisdom and empathy! Also there is **Elena** for example: a short-term placement in Japan gave her a deep insight into the culture of that country and into the working methods of different missionary teams. Now she is making definite plans for working there long term. Our task will be to support and advise her. **27th June–1st July** a young English lady will be staying with us to prepare for long-term missionary work in **Slovenia**. We really want to encourage her in this far from easy task.

Baptism Celebration at the Eisenstadt Forum...

Oh how we are looking forward to **Pentecost Sunday (9th June)**! **Five people from the Church** wish to be baptised. These will include our two friends, **Mirjam** from A-fg-h and **Maria M** who made a decision to follow Jesus on Easter Sunday. They would both like Hans-Georg to baptise them. Events like these always seem to come under attack and need **covering in prayer!**

Ruby Wedding...

On **23rd June**, God willing, we will be able to look back together on **forty years of married life!** We are looking forward indeed to our special day when we wish to celebrate and give thanks together with our five children, four sons- and daughters-in-law and six grandchildren.

Christoph

Margret's younger brother is in intensive care in **hospital** after collapsing at his home, and he is making a very slow recovery. No one is sure how things will work out once he leaves hospital. What is certain that he probably **won't be able to live on his own**, at least for the time being.

We are praying to God that he will regain his mobility and that a good solution will be found for him.

Please also pray for **Hans-Georg's preaching engagement** at international **“Grace Church”, Vienna**, 30th June.

We are deeply grateful for your faithfulness, your commitment and your prayer support,

Yours in His service,

Hans-Georg & Margret

„Prayercorner“

Praise God for...

- God's kind words to us
- Safekeep. & blessings in our travels
- Forty years together!
- You – our faithful 'team members'

Please pray for...

- 'Working visits', co-workers
- Forum Baptism Celebration
- Our children & grandchildren
- Margr.'s brother Christoph, his future

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

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