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Dear Friends

“**Travelling Together**” – from now on this is what we would like to call our monthly news update, so we can share our current prayer points in a simple and concise way.

“**Travelling Together**” – also means we would be glad for you to share your current matters for prayer with us – this would be a great encouragement for us.

“**Travelling Together**” – as the name says, we have an interest in each other's lives, while working towards the same goal.

On 30th June we took a funeral service in a suburb of Eisenstadt.

Again we were able to speak freely about the risen Lord Jesus Christ, **for which we give THANKS.**

24th–29th June we were in Swabia [the Stuttgart region in S. Germany] taking part in various events.

We got back feeling much encouraged. **Many THANKS to our friends in Sielmingen, Gerlingen and Aldingen** for their warm welcome, for their genuine interest in our work and for all the hard work they put into the run-up to these events.

On the morning of 1st July, Hans-Georg flew to England at the invitation of our partner mission there for the annual **mission mobilisation conference.**

He was looking forward to sharing ideas and gaining a new impetus for our work here.

About 50 people came to **Hans-Georg's talk on Afghanistan** in Eisenstadt, including a dear Afghan doctor that we have known for a few years. She is sceptical about the faith.

That evening when she saw the pictures it brought back unpleasant memories for her.

PLEASE pray for M. and her family that they will experience healing and forgiveness through Jesus.

In the past few days and weeks it has been quite unsettling to hear that a number of good friends have had **devastating news**: Erich, Rita, Marianne, Evi, Konstanze, Carrie, Edith, Carol and Daniela have been diagnosed with cancer and other severe illnesses and are going through difficult times with their families.

PLEASE pray that they will not abandon their faith.

Further prayer points for July:

1. On 10th July the first session of the 'Vertical' course is taking place in our flat (www.vertikalkurs.de).

Our wish is that others will join the existing participants in this course which follows on from the 'Pro Christ' foundation course.

PLEASE pray for the preparations and for enthusiasm among the participants.

2. In the next few weeks a number of our 'short-termers' are returning from the various countries where they have been working. **PLEASE pray** for Beate, Esther-Eva, Sara, Sylvia, Wolfgang that they will settle back in well and for guidance for their future.

PLEASE pray also for the debriefings to be held with them, that we may have much wisdom.

3. A vital matter for prayer is still the search for **a new flat for us!**

4. On 19th July Hans-Georg will be sharing about Afghanistan at a service at our BEG church in Baden near Vienna. From our friends in Afghanistan we know that there is an acute shortage of workers.

They are urgently looking for a nursery nurse to work in a multi-cultural kindergarten.

Does anyone feel **called to take this on?**

Annika has successfully completed her school year and is looking forward to a well-earned holiday.

Benjamin & Maria: Maria has packed her bag ready to go into hospital – their first baby is due any time now!

With the help of friends, **Sebastian** is moving into his own small rented flat not far from us.

This is a big step for him!

Many thanks for your support in prayer and in giving.

We are glad that some of you have shared your prayer requests with us. We have written them down to remind us to think of you every day.

With love from Eisenstadt



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