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Dear Friends ,

TT – Travelling Together' (6)

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We've made it! We've finally completed our house move! But only because there were so many willing hands to help with sorting, fetching, carrying, cooking and cleaning! And they did all this with love and even joy!

We are so GRATEFUL as we thought we would never get through it all and, looking back, we are simply amazed that everything fell into place, like the pieces of a jigsaw... This is a fantastic answer to prayer. At the moment we are still having to climb over boxes, cases and bags in our little flat, but we are confident that at some point we will find a place for everything.

October – crammed full!

We can't remember when we last had to travel so many miles because there were so many services and meetings so close together (see last TT).

In between there were also several meetings with bereaved people and **funerals** attended by hundreds of mourners. The only way we could have coped with it all was through your faithful prayers for us and your close interest in our progress. The experience of 'travelling together, with you and feeling the effects of your prayer ministry in the midst of it all is priceless. May God reward you richly!

During the **evangelistic family weekend** in Weinviertel (north-east of Vienna) there were many good conversations and times of sharing following the talks. The children joined in their activities with great enthusiasm! We're now praying that the seed sown from God's Word will grow.

The **ladies' weekend at Berchtesgaden**, during which Margret gave the talks, finished at lunchtime on the Sunday, but some of the women stayed behind to speak to her and asked for prayer. After a preaching engagement in Bad Reichenhall not far away, Hans-Georg came to pick her up and had to wait patiently for her to finish before they could drive home together.

In **Fieberbrunn** (Tyrol) there were over 200 at the ladies' breakfast ('**Keeping in good health, that's the main thing...**'). Our mini bookstall, which we always take to these events, sold out in no time! In the evening there was the **talk on Afghanistan** in our BEG church in St Johann.

Additional experiences...

It was nearly midnight on one of the days during our move when we 'sneaked' into our new home, exhausted and rather disheartened. We still thought we were never going to manage it all, but we found an e-mail waiting for us from the **very first short-termer** that we'd sent out about five years ago. This lady had gone to Kenya to help teach the children of an Austrian missionary family. Since then she had been to Bible College, got married and is now working as a teacher. Among other things she said, "In my new job I have many opportunities to support people. I would love to help support your work (I've just set up a standing order). Many thanks for staying in your position so faithfully. May God bless you richly!" **THANK YOU, Astrid!**

Suddenly all our tiredness vanished, because for a long time it's been on our hearts to find **new friends to stand with us in our work**. That gave us such a boost that we were able to finish our move the next day, also because out of the blue **an entire family offered to help! A big THANK YOU to all our wonderful helpers!**

Our prayer requests for November...

13th-14th Nov.: Annual meeting in Schladming of delegates from our association of churches. We urgently need **new co-workers for our foreign missions team!**

15th Nov.: The **dedication service for our little grandson, Lenny** in the church at Baden near Vienna – a big family gathering!

21st Nov.: We are meeting up with the other three families in Eisenstadt for a **day of prayer and fellowship**.

27th Nov.: **Outreach meeting** at Benjamin and Maria's home. They want to invite some of their friends and neighbours (Hans-Georg is to give a message.)

Ongoing prayer request for the seriously ill people that we have contact with: **Rita, Bianca, Evi and Carol**. We have also visited our former landlord, **Herr T.** in hospital (suspected cancer).

We are so **GRATEFUL** for you all! We are always so glad to have news from you, to hear how you are and what you are going. Thank you so much for your interest and participation in what is happening here!

Many blessings from Burgenland in all its autumnal glory!

Hans-Georg, Margret, Annika & Manuel

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