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Dear Friends ,

TT – Travelling Together' (7)

December 2009

We were about to take the funeral of a man who had died young and as we greeted the deceased man's father, he said to us, "**Thank you for the little Bible! I've already read 37 pages - it's given me so much comfort!**" Following our initial meeting with the family to make the arrangements, we had given him and the man's widow a **New Testament** each. The burial itself was more like a large open-air service. The coffin stood on the path by the door of the village church and several hundred mourners came to pay their respects. **We never cease to be amazed** at the opportunities which arise again and again for us to share the best thing that we have with total strangers – and in complete freedom! Long may this continue!

### BEG delegates' meeting...

As well as the Chinese fellowship, there is now also a **Polish fellowship belonging to the BEG**, our association of Austrian churches. It is possible that more will join them. This is an encouraging development which we are following with great interest. The Polish brothers and sisters were given a very warm reception by the other delegates. Gripping and yet very moving was the **report from a young Turkish lady** from the Malatya region. She is contact with the widows of the 3 men who were horrifically murdered for their faith in April 2007. In spite of the tragic circumstances they are still continuing to serve the LORD faithfully in the same place!

**One of the leaders of our partner missions** wrote the following in a letter to the delegates: "...**The Austrian short-term missionaries have worked alongside us in a fantastic way in many of the countries where we are working.** On behalf of all the indigenous churches and the missionaries, I would like to say a big thank you for this wonderful involvement. For nearly every one of those taking part there was some personal cost. We value all the more their faithfulness and perseverance!" Can you imagine our joy at hearing this!

### "Eisenstadt Forum"...

This will probably be the name of our **newest project!** After our retreat day – **there are now 5 families involved** – we agreed to put on an informative event about the Christian faith on 2 Sundays a month from 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010. We wish to invite people who are searching and those who have no church connection. Surprisingly quickly we found the **ideal premises** in the centre of Eisenstadt which we can rent by the hour at a very reasonable cost. We are simply amazed at God's provision! Our young co-workers, **JOHN and LIESI DOSS** are faithfully looking after the young people (**youth group**) and the young adults (**house group**). **MANUEL** has led the youth meeting for the first time – the topic was 'The Bible and how we deal with money'.

### Family news

Next year we will become grandparents for the third time: **TIMO (2½)** will have a little brother or sister! **DAVID and CLAUDIA** would be grateful if you could pray that God will watch over them particularly during Claudia's pregnancy.

**ANNIKA** has to work so hard at school that she often has to stay up late to finish her homework. In spite of lack of sleep she frequently comes home with good marks! We are enjoying our new home, even though it is still far from how we would wish it to be. Only gradually as finances allow are we able to add to the furniture and put our many belongings away! But the view over the Wulka valley from the balcony more than makes up for it – SO BEAUTIFUL!

### December events

There were various preaching engagements on the calendar in December:

**6<sup>th</sup> Dec.:** Baptist church at **Neusiedl am See** (N. Burgenland), **8<sup>th</sup> Dec.:** Assisting with the Christmas celebration in **Krems: 'Rejoice! Christ the Saviour is here!'** Give thanks with us for the very lively church in Neusiedl. The church in Krems wanted to invite many people who don't normally go to church. **Please pray** that the message of salvation will even now reach their hearts

**20<sup>th</sup> Dec. Bernstein** – central Burgenland, in connection with the Oberwart church planting project

**27<sup>th</sup> Dec. Vienna Neustadt**

Also **PLEASE** continue to share your news and your prayer requests with us.



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We hope you have had a blessed time during Advent and Christmas. May you know in 2010:

**The peace of HIS Spirit, the strength of HIS grace and the healing power of HIS love.**

**Hans-Georg, Margret, Annika & Manuel**

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