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Dear Friends ,

TT – Travelling Together’ (8)

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This is the start of a new decade and also our 25th year of service with the DMG (German Missionary Fellowship)! We know that we have been richly blessed; in all these years we have been able to experience what real friendship is. You have played your part by stretching out your hand to us in so many different ways to make it possible for us to serve the Lord here in Austria and beyond!

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU especially for all your support during the past year!

We do not know where we would be without your prayers – we daren’t even think of it! In so many situations we have been really aware of how God has intervened, not just in the past year...

Knowing we have this backing, we wish to set off confidently into the New Year – and the new decade.

A lot has happened in our lives in 2009:

- Seldom before have we travelled **so many miles** to go to a very wide variety of services and meetings.
- **Meeting King Nene Sakite II in Ghana** opened my eyes (H.-G.) anew to what it means to have close dealings with the King of Kings!
- Our **SEBASTIAN** found a small flat and has gained his independence.
- We have always been open to change – even a change of location – but obviously we are to stay in North Burgenland for the time being. This was confirmed in all kinds of ways:
- We found a **flat in new condition** which was almost exactly in line with our limited budget.
- As it became certain that we should continue to stay here, there were **many positive reactions from among yourselves**; many of you said something like, “...This is exactly what we’ve been praying for.”
- In addition to John and Liesi Doss, **two more missionary families** that we didn’t know beforehand have **unexpectedly** moved to the Eisenstadt area. In spite of their other tasks, they had at the top of their priority list – again independently from us – the vision that we are now jointly calling the ‘**Eisenstadt Forum**’.
We are amazed!
- Our house move: we were given so much help, practically and financially – **THANK YOU!**

Invitation from the far side of the world

Somehow we were still in the thoughts of the indigenous brothers and sisters on our former island home of New Britain (PNG): first there was a fax from Pastor Matyu who was just finishing further theological training on the island of Manus. Shortly afterwards we received by SKYPE and email an invitation to attend the **2010 Easter Conference** as a **guest speaker**. We were greatly moved! Because of the shortness of time, our new project here in Eisenstadt and other obligations it is not possible on this occasion. BUT... this is just postponed, not completely refused! God willing, we would love to **visit PNG again another time**.

A completely new challenge...

Out of the blue we were asked by our BEG church in Moedling near Vienna to help with a **parenting course!** WOW – we’ve never done that before! It is planned that there will be six sessions from January to June once a month on a Saturday night. We have accepted the challenge – trusting in God’s wisdom and in much support in prayer. **The theme is ‘How do we set the boundaries with love?’**

ALL YOUR suggestions, experiences, advice on how to avoid making mistakes, relevant books, good internet sites, etc WOULD BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED! Please get in touch – the role of fathers in parenting is another aspect we would like to include!

A selection of important dates for your prayers:

- 10th Jan.:** Inauguration service for the church in Oberwart, Burgenland
- 13th :** Preparation retreat for the ‘Eisenstadt Forum’
- 16th :** First session of the **parenting course in Moedling**
- 17th :** Preaching at the church in Siegendorf
- 30th :** Leaders’ meeting of the European Mission Committee of ‘**PIONEERS**’ in Vienna
- 31st :** **FIRST EVENT** of the ‘**Eisenstadt Forum**’

What will probably be an exciting year lies in front of you – and us. May we give you this verse for the year as a challenge and as a great encouragement in the Lord:



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JESUS CHRIST said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in GOD; trust also in ME.”

Wishing you the same LORD’S blessings, with warm greetings from

Hans-Georg, Margret, Annika & Manuel

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