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Dear Friends ,

TT – Travelling Together' (10)

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We're already well into March and it is high time we brought you up to date with our all our news.
Many THANKS for all the different ways you have supported us during the past month and also for sharing your prayer requests with us.
We really do treasure your commitment to us!

First of all: something to rejoice over!

Our colleague, John Doss, who is responsible for the youth work and is always coming up with new ideas, started looking for suitable places where the young people can meet.

Just imagine: he went to see the people responsible for the Eisenstadt Youth Centre and they made him a spontaneous offer to let him have the use of the rooms, the bar, the football table and everything else. **We were speechless!** Now our young people are going to meet there for the next 2 months on the first and third Saturday in the month.

They are hoping that outsiders will accept invitations to a youth café, games, music and of course some Christian input.

PLEASE PRAY for the leaders, for further good ideas and for young people who will be willing to accept invitations.

We have now had 5 **evangelistic Forum meetings on Sunday mornings** and we rejoice over a colourful mixture of visitors.

A small group for teens has formed as well as the toddler and young children's group who are well looked after during the event.

We now have a committed team of children's workers.

In the coming months the theme of the talks will be the life of Jesus from the Gospels.

Farewell to a dear friend...

On Friday 5th March we attended a really big funeral in St. Margarethen near Lake Neusiedl.

On Saturday 6th we travelled to Kelheim near Ingolstadt in Bavaria for the funeral of Ingrid, a dear friend that we have known for many years.

She had died the previous week in a tragic road accident together with her elderly father.

She leaves behind her husband Gottfried and her two children Ruben (15) and Johanna (14).

Hans-Georg was asked to give the address at the funeral.

We were up at 6am that day to get an early start and we managed to get there an hour before the service in spite of a snow storm and long traffic jams.

On the journey we were particularly aware of GOD'S help, HIS timing and your prayers!

There were about 300 people at the service.

Ingrid's life was an example to many people.

She cared a lot for people with special needs and brought them along to church.

She was also very musical and the church choir sang songs that she had taught them.

She was a dedicated and loving mother and set an example in her spiritual life – very genuine, caring and hospitable. But she also questioned things at times and would not let go until she had got a satisfactory answer.

A brother from the church in Kelheim said her life was like a roller-coaster.

Most of Ruben's school class were there, also many non-believers, including Ingrid's mother, brother and sister-in-law.

In his address Hans-Georg gave a clear invitation to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

As we stood at the graveside our black clothes were quickly covered in snow and we looked like walking snowmen! We stayed till most of the mourners had left and stood with Gottfried, Ruben and Johanna at the graveside as they prayed together and said their final farewell. Following the service there was a big reception in the public hall in Neustadt and we stayed the night with people from the church.

At the Sunday morning service the sadness and deep sense of loss was clearly felt.

Gottfried spoke very movingly about Ingrid's life and her great love of the Bible.

Hans–Georg then preached on 'The Good Shepherd'. We stayed with Gottfried until well into the evening and spent a long time talking with him and his father and stepmother.

PLEASE PRAY for comfort for the family and friends in these difficult times and for the testimony of Ingrid's life and everything that was said during the service to have a lasting effect on the mourners. The church in Kelheim is being a tremendous witness in the way it is supporting the bereaved family in many ways.

The following events (among others) that were/are on our schedule:

12th Mar.: Gerlingen (Germany, near Stuttgart): missionary work in PNG

13th Mar.: Aldingen (near Stuttgart): Ghana: 'Meeting the King'

14th Mar.: Buehl (south–west of Stuttgart): Mission Sunday. Hans–Georg was preaching.

Margret took the children's service: 'Afghanistan: pictures of an extraordinary journey'

14th Mar.: Grandma Hoprich celebrated her 85th birthday. The children and grandchildren gave her a joint present: a reclining armchair with electric controls!

20th Mar.: Hotel Caruso, Baden (nr Vienna): ladies' breakfast meeting: 'Keeping in good health, is that the main thing...?'

20th Mar.: Moedling: Parenting course, part 3 (on parental responsibility in setting boundaries and being a good role model)

26th–28th Mar.: Free Church Nuremberg: Talk on Mission, women's meeting, Youth–meeting: "Trends on Missions", preaching, children's service, visiting friends.

Short–termers

Anna is in Madagascar, **Conny** is in Burkina Faso, **Karin** is in Chile (the earthquake!) and married couple **Christian** and **Claudia** are in Japan.

The next five applicants are already waiting in the wings.

PLEASE PRAY especially for safe–keeping for our young workers out there, and also for wisdom for us in our discussions with the new candidates and for God's guidance regarding the right places for them to work in.

"Haiti: chaos, death and misery"

Well over €126,000 (GBP 113,000, \$170,000) have now been donated and we rejoice that even here in Austria we can participate in the reconstruction taking place in this afflicted island nation.

The money will also be put towards providing follow–up materials for the many people who have come to a living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ in the midst of these tragic circumstances.

We would also be very GRATEFUL if you would pray for our outreach events – they are being severely affected by serious accidents, illness and all kinds of obstacles.

PLEASE pray for the evangelistic gardening talks given by Walter Mauerhofer (www.mauerhofer.net) in North Burgenland and for the creation lectures planned for April and May.

Your faithful support is such a great encouragement!

THANK YOU that we can share our prayer requests with you each month, both for ourselves and for others. Many of you have mid–week prayer meetings and house groups in which you can bring these matters before the LORD.

How good it is to know that HE goes before us!

With our best wishes