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Dear Friends,

TT – Travelling Together' (41)

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The best thing we can do is to begin this 'TT' with a **very big THANK YOU** to you, dear faithful readers!

We are THANKING YOU because we have really felt the effect of your intercession for us and we have experienced yet again how our LORD hears prayers...

We have a lot on our hearts and we would like to share some things with you – briefly – for your encouragement!

• **Rita's funeral on 7th September...**

In the whole of the fourteen years that we have been taking funerals, we have experienced some extraordinary ceremonies, but nothing ever like Rita's farewell! **Hundreds of mourners** gathered, some having travelled a long way and it seemed as if the whole of Rita's home village by Lake Neusiedl had turned out for this farewell service. All of our children and two of our daughters-in-law were there too... The address was relayed on loudspeakers outside and the people there listened with unusual attention. It was Rita's express wish that her funeral would be a 'Salvation Crusade'. She'd really drilled that into Hans-Georg! She had planned the service down to the last detail, and even organised some of it herself. Hans-Georg had great freedom in sharing the message: **"Do you know the cross?" PLEASE continue to pray for André**, Rita's husband. After four intensive years of supporting and caring for his wife, he now comes home from work to an empty house...

• **The discussions with mission leaders...**

These have had such a good outcome. Problems have now been resolved and we can happily continue to work freely!

• **The Eisenstadt FORUM...**

The LORD has answered your prayers for more workers in HIS own way: suddenly from two different quarters we had firm offers from families who have been involved with our church planting work right from the outset: **"We would love to help with the children's work!"** Now we have three highly motivated Sunday School helpers – **including one of the Dads!** What an encouragement! Since we are a church planting project of the BEG (Association of Evangelical Churches), we are also supported by visiting speakers. At the same time it is our concern that reliable Christians from here are included in the leadership. This needs patience and the nurturing of relationships, and we want to invest a lot of time in this.

This is why other tasks have been put on one side. Therefore we face the challenge of having to distinguish between the important and the 'secondary' and **we would be grateful for your prayers for God's guidance.**

• **Ukraine and mission...**

As expected, most of the sixty-plus participants at the missionary consultation in Lviv came from the Ukraine, In contrast to Romania where there are now several sending organisations, the structures for sending Ukrainian workers out into world mission and supporting them are still in their early stages. The reports from individual countries were extremely encouraging. Please pray that the many good ideas from the consultation will be put into action so that God's kingdom will be built worldwide, even with workers from Eastern Europe! Our **Austrian Christmas parcel scheme** from the last few years have given rise to good friendly relations with various churches in Lutsk. Following the consultation, after Hans-Georg had had numerous preparatory discussions, the leaders of the association of churches met the international leaders of our partner mission (**SIM, 'Serving In Mission'**). A **very promising agreement** was made, namely to help in a variety of ways (missionary conferences, joint short-term outreach in Tatarstan (in Russia), etc.) to motivate Ukrainian Christians for world mission. **This is a huge step forward, which we welcome with gratitude!**

• **Nadine from Carinthia**

Nadine was our guest at the beginning of September, together with her parents. We were able to prepare her for her time in Tanzania. In the meantime, she is now settling in well out there and is busy learning Kiswahili...

• **Bettina from Vienna**

Bettina has finished her year working with street children in Brazil. She is coming to us soon for debriefing.

• **Young couple C & J**

This young couple need your prayers! Their first two applications for a work visa have unfortunately been turned down. They are already in their south-east Asian country, hard at work and loving it there. Now they are hoping for a new opportunity.

Here are some of the services and engagements on our planner...

7th Oct.: Hans-Georg is preaching at the Eisenstadt FORUM

8th–12th Oct.: A quiet few days away in the mountains...

13th Oct.: 'Café 50 PLUS' church initiative for senior citizens in Parndorf (north Burgenland): talk on 'Joy'

14th Oct.: Preaching at the Chinese church in Vienna – Margret will teach the teens.

20th/21st Oct.: 'Ladies' dinner' and preaching at the Christian Fellowship in Kelheim, Germany (north of Munich)

26th–29th Oct.: Visit from D, a dear lady that we've known for many years, who is going through difficult times.

What a great God we have! We can commit everything simply to HIM! We are trusting HIM to let good things come out of it! Loving greetings and may God bless you in your everyday life!

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