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*Dear Friends,*

**TT – Travelling Together’ (44)**

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Our warmest greetings to you as we go into 2013.

The year stands before us, still new and full of promise. Through God’s safekeeping and constant help we can still be ‘travelling together’ with you on our journey in this city. This year we have as our word for this place:

**“For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city which is to come.”** (Hebr 13:14)

And perhaps on our journey this year it is **possible** that we will be able to **meet some of you in person**.

In any case it would be a **HUGE joy** for us if you were able to visit us here! We are also ready and willing to come and speak at other churches, house groups, ladies’ breakfast meetings, church holidays etc.

### **December was...**

...one of the busiest months of 2012!

Our Advent Party at the FORUM was very encouraging, firstly because of the unusually large number of visitors and many new faces, and secondly because of the dedication of our (still small) FORUM team!

Many of the guests stayed on long after the **evangelistic event** had finished and were glad to talk to us in person and to enjoy the tasty treats that had been generously provided for the buffet table.

A few days later we were **busy manning our stall** at the Eisenstadt Christmas Market. We were delighted to sell many Christian books and give out calendars, scripture portions and litres of tea punch. We spoke to a lot of people about the FORUM. We simply mingled with the crowd. Some of our team were there for the whole of that busy Sunday afternoon – from 1pm to 9pm – with cold feet but warm hearts!

Then there was our **very first Christmas Eve family service** (3pm) which was very well attended and at which we met a number of young families! There was a lot singing and some items for the children, a personal testimony from Katja and a short word from Hans-Georg in our celebration together. – Somewhere in between these events Hans-Georg found time to attend a **call-out for vital emergency counselling...** – On 30<sup>th</sup> December Hans-Georg was **invited to preach at the local protestant church**. Immediately afterwards he was **preaching at the FORUM...**

### **‘ProChrist’**

When the ‘ProChrist’ event was held in 2009 we invited people to our living room.

On some evenings there were as many as forty guests. Sadly we don’t have enough room now to do this in our present flat. In the meantime a **suitable venue has been found in the city centre** to hold a ‘live-link’ with the events as they are relayed from the Porsche Arena in Stuttgart, Germany (3<sup>rd</sup>–10<sup>th</sup> March). We are already busy preparing in prayer and planning the details (introduction, counselling, follow-up!).

We are thrilled to have this great opportunity to give out invitations far and wide! **PLEASE pray with us!**

### **“Peace Child”**

Do you know the book of this name, or the video, about the belligerent Sawi tribe in the western part of the island of New Guinea (Irian Jaya)? After 50 years the author Don Richardson is visiting this tribe again, together with his three sons!

The effect of the Gospel has not lost its power over the years! Very moving! More information on <http://vimeo.com/51281742>

### **Shared suffering...**

Two families that we know have pressing needs. Both of the following prayer requests reached us in the last few days:

“It is with great horror that we heard today that **our father has taken his own life!**

At the moment we are all in a state of shock – and we are just trying to work out what our next steps should be...”

“I’m very worried about our daughter. She is completely at the end of her tether, both mentally and physically! Besides her hair falling out, she has had many other physical symptoms for a long while, which could possibly be attributed to a serious illness. They are not yet able to give an accurate diagnosis. **Please pray for her**, that she will find help and that she will trust the Lord Jesus as her Lord and Saviour and that she will follow Him with all her heart!”

### **In the next few weeks...**

We have a number of visits for counselling coming up, also visits from fellow workers and preparatory consultations with our **missionary candidates** – at the moment there is **more than a dozen** of them waiting in the queue!

We are in urgent need of wisdom, sufficient time, strength and insight into their situations.

### **To finish, something to make you think...**

“If you think you are too small to have an impact, try going to bed with a mosquito in the room.”

**MANY THANKS for your interest, for all your financial gifts and your faithfulness in praying for us month by month during the past year! What a great God we have, that we can simply bring it all to Him and trust that HE will bring something good out of it!**

**With our sincere greetings and with God’s blessing, the ONE who holds world history and at the same time our little lives in HIS strong hands!**

Greetings from

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