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TT – ‘Travelling Together’ (63)

“AS FOR ME, IT IS GOOD TO BE NEAR GOD.” (Psalm 73 v 28)

Dear Friends,

October 2014

An African proverb recently caught our eye and it struck a chord with us:

“If you wish to walk quickly, then walk alone. If you wish to go a long way, then walk together.”

There’s a lot of truth and wisdom in that!

And once again we would like to say how GRATEFUL we are for each one of you who are joyfully supporting us and walking with us on our path. The lovely thing about it is that it is not a ‘one way street’! There is giving AND taking!

We THANK YOU all for this special ‘fellowship along the way’!

We have ‘doubled in size’!

For a long time it was a great matter for prayer for us to be able to expand the Foreign Missions Team (TAM).

We admit it – at times we were quite despondent because we couldn’t find anybody in spite of an intensive search!

There are so many possibilities now of being involved with worldwide missionary work from Austria outwards.

Rejoice with us! At our recent TAM retreat in Carinthia we were able to welcome three new young fellow workers: **Rudi** the strategist, and **Matthias and Timna** who are creative.

We will complement each other well and together we will be able to carry out our common task more effectively.

What an answer to prayer!

“Help for Bosnia” – “Help for Serbia”...

These are the names of the two fund–raising projects of **“Help which arrives” (HDA)**, the humanitarian arm of our association of churches (BEG). In the meantime **over €60,000** has been raised.

The first big clearing up operation following the catastrophic floods hadn’t even finished when the inhabitants of the affected area were caught up in yet more flooding! The damage to this region, **one of the poorest in Europe**, is indescribable! It will take a long time and a lot more aid from ‘outside’ for the people there to be able to rebuild their infrastructure.

Free Church Religious Education has now started in Austria – in every federal state!

There are nearly 100 teachers involved! There are even some here in Eisenstadt... – with 8 pupils from different school years. Some have introduced themselves at the FORUM youth service.

“Youth weekend at the FORUM”

A cheerful highly motivated team of twelve young people from the “Graz Falkenhofgasse” BEG fellowship led the weekend’s events with lots of music and other contributions. Many – mostly young – visitors accepted invitations.

An entire youth group from Lower Austria came along! **MOST IMPORTANTLY:** this weekend signalled the start of the process of setting up our own Eisenstadt FORUM youth group!

There is still a lot to be organised and it will need a lot of support in prayer.

Our plans for October – God willing...

5th Oct.: Hans–Georg was preaching on “Thy kingdom come!” (‘Lord’s Prayer’) at the Eisenstadt FORUM.

Sadly our **short–termer Theresa** is unwell and her departure for Chile and her valedictory service planned for October have had to be postponed. It is very frustrating for her. Please pray!

8th Oct.: Visit from H and K. Many years after the funeral of her husband which we took, Frau H got in touch and asked if she could speak to us. We had invited her to come to us together with K, her partner in life...

10th–13th Oct.: Church outreach and deputation visit to the Nuremberg area – Bible study, youth meeting, preaching at the Sunday service and many personal visits

11th Oct.: First **“FORUM women’s café”** with a talk on “Before it gets too much for me...”

17th–19th Oct.: Weekend with the **“Bergmann Mission Church”** at **Ampflwang** (Upper Austria) – Bible studies on “Church – It is only together that we are strong”

24th–26th Oct.: **Roland and Brittany Pingist** and family (BEG missionaries in Brazil) are coming to us: evaluation of the time they have been out on the mission field. Roland is also giving a mission report at the FORUM Sunday service.

How is your journey looking at the moment?

Is it clear and straightforward or does it have many sharp turns and uncertainties?

However it is, we wish you from our hearts the assurance that with Jesus at our side we are on a good path and in very good hands!



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