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TT - 'Travelling Together' (67)

"ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER, JUST AS CHRIST ALSO ACCEPTED US TO THE GLORY OF GOD." (Romans 15 v7)

Dear Friends,

February 2015

A few days ago our doorbell rang punctually at 9.00am. Although we had been up since 7.00, we still hadn't managed to have breakfast before our dear Hungarian friend arrived. **M was soon sitting with us at the breakfast table.** We have known him for over fifteen years through our visits to a church only a few miles away in Sopron (formerly Oedenburg) in Hungary. Besides his work as a waiter here in Eisenstadt and being the father of two children, he has managed to travel regularly to Budapest on his days off to take part in theology lectures. He has discovered a love of Hungarian church history (Free Church) and is writing a dissertation for his masters degree. We gave him the addresses of some Austrian historians who are friends of ours and who are familiar with this specialised subject, which made him very happy. We had a lively discussion and then we brought his concerns before the Lord in prayer. M then took his leave and there was **our next guest literally already on the doorstep.** This time we were confronted by a very different matter, one which we found very moving! S had arrived with her baby. After a battle of many years with cancer S's 54 year old mother was now nearing the end and had expressed the wish that we should take her funeral. We have known the family for a number of years.

It is encouraging for us to know how much trust has been established in these longstanding relationships.

A visit from Central Asia

The time which we spent with our **brother and sister from 'T'** early in January was something really special! We had never met them before, as we had only ever been in contact via e-mail. As soon as they came in the door, it was as if we had always known each other, everything seemed familiar. They were about the same age as our own children... We had really good spiritual fellowship with them, made all the richer by the **FORUM church service** which they led. It was a really special, very moving church service to which to our surprise there was quite a good response! Against the background of the dreadful massacre in Paris, this was a HUGE confirmation that the LORD is at work powerfully and in HIS own way even among Muslims and in countries such as 'T'. This came across very clearly when **S.rat gave his testimony!** Many of our FORUM visitors were deeply moved when he told them how he had grown up without a father and then he came to know THE FATHER (Is. 49 14-16). We spent all day Saturday with them and talked with them a lot and sought to find out what life is like in their country which is so different and where it might be possible to serve. There are several areas in which they could see us fitting in, and we could picture it too...

Perhaps our paths will cross again... What has God got in store for us?

We agreed that, God willing, we would if possible visit them in Oct./Nov. after their return to 'T'!

Why are we considering a move?

To be moving on again and again as missionaries is very Biblical, and there's no age limit, is there? After a church has been - at last - set up here in Eisenstadt and a vision has been prayed into being, we do not wish to stand in the way of a sound Austrian church developing... This is also the case for our responsibility for the Foreign Missions Team (TAM) in which a rejuvenation process has begun with our new fellow workers.

Now we are waiting on tiptoes and looking ahead with excitement!

With us 'oldies' the excitement (as expected) is slightly diminished, but we rejoice no less than we did over 30 years ago when it became clear that God wanted us in Papua New Guinea and not in Mindanao (Philippines) and 17 years ago when He sent us to Burgenland instead of Eupen in Belgium... **An exciting part of our life's story, which we still share...**

In order to take this new step, we need your support more than ever! All our work - here and elsewhere - depends on the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is fascinating for us to see how HE works, deals with things and makes things possible! This is why we are glad to follow HIS call and be TT 'Travelling Together' with HIM and with you!

Now it is necessary to have more prayer supporters and more financial support to cover it!

Please see the attached for our thoughts on this and how it can happen.

What do you think about this? Your personal feedback would be very important and valuable for us!

For your prayers in February

14th Feb.: Consultation in Vienna (Continuation of missionary work in Serbia)

22nd Feb.: Meeting with church leaders in Bratislava, Slovakia (new relations connected with our FORUM work)

26th Feb.: Finance workshop at the FORUM with our BEG treasurer: 'How do I draw up a church budget?'

28th Feb.: Ladies' Retreat: Margret leading a seminar: 'Will we all get into heaven?'

We do want to THANK YOU for your prayers and for your financial support, without which we couldn't be here!

Don't forget, you are part of our TEAM!



Hans-Georg, Margret & Annika

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Dear Friends and Partners in Mission

Many of you have been in contact with us for decades and have been faithfully supporting our work here in Austria with great commitment.

We do not take any of this for granted as this support has covered all our costs until recently, and we are very grateful for this!

Our personal connection with you gives us the freedom to share a big personal concern with you.

We do not want to hide from you that the donations given last year are no longer enough to cover our cost of living.

There is a monthly shortfall of €700 to finance our cost of living, social security and costs to do with our work.

If seventy people were to give €10 a month, it would be enough.

Please pray with us for our 'daily bread' (Matt. 6 v11).

Many of you already give generously and/or support other missionaries and organisations.

We hope that you will not feel obliged or pressured by what we have said!

We appreciate so much what you already do for us and that fills us with great gratitude!

'DMG interpersonal' sees itself as a serving fellowship and is sharing the financial burden, and you as our faithful supporters are part of this spiritual fellowship.

'DMG interpersonal' is not linked to any particular group of churches through which it receives regular amounts, and that is why we need our own circle of financial supporters.

In our flat here in Eisenstadt there is a Bible verse hanging up (Phil. 4 v19) in New Melanesian Pidgin, the everyday language of Papua New Guinea, printed on tree bark:

"My God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

Many of our visitors ask what these words in Pidgin mean and each time we are reminded that in the past we have – through God's grace – experienced this first hand!

May we ask you kindly to pray that the LORD will make up our shortfall and that it will be laid on the hearts of many to share in our missionary work in this way?

Perhaps you also know people who would possibly be interested in getting to know us and supporting us.

That would be a great encouragement and a real help!

We are glad that through our connection with you we can share this sensitive matter with you as our partners and as a personal matter for prayer.

Thank you!

May our faithful LORD bless you richly,

Yours in His service,

Hans–Georg & Margret Hoprich