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TT - 'Travelling Together' (70)

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

Dear Friends,

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The beauty of our homeland of choice is without comparison! Regardless of what season it is, Austria warmly welcomes visitors and has so much to offer them. We live in the heart of Europe with an amazing combination of cultural and natural spectacles. Perhaps a good number of you will manage to have a holiday in our country this year! In which case we hope that you will enjoy this insight into the atmosphere of Austria's towns and countryside!

Never before...

...have we had so many Austrian long-term missionaries preparing for their departure at the same time... Sandra has **CENTRAL ASIA** in her sights and would love to fly out right away, to serve as a nurse in the earthquake region... Christian and Claudia with their three small children are preparing to go to **JAPAN**... Sophia is going to **PERU** as a teacher... Florian and Katharina and their two girls know they have been called into the missionary aviation service in **AFRICA**. They have just got back from a 'reconnaissance' visit to their destination country... All of them have sending churches, but they still need **many more prayer partners and supporters!** The discussions with the various missionary organisations with which our future workers will serve on the ground are very time-consuming and require us to be really flexible. We are working on individual partnership agreements – a lovely task, but a demanding one. As well as all these, there is a good number of potential short-term missionaries. We are advising them and seeking a suitable placement for each one.

Comings and goings

From **8th-11th May** our DMG colleagues **Andreas and Angela** from **CENTRAL ASIA** had been visiting us. They gave a very impressive presentation at the FORUM church service about their country. Immediately afterwards we had a visit from **Walter**, the international leader of our partner mission (SIM). Together with him we travelled to the Vienna Woods to see our DMG colleagues **Peter and Katharina Penner**. The topic was also about **CENTRAL ASIA! These discussions have been extremely interesting with regard to our future plans...** On **17th May** we will see **Hans and Adi Fast**, our Canadian predecessors, for the final time. They were working as missionaries in Eisenstadt for sixteen years. During the FORUM church service they will report on the far from easy start to their missionary work here in the 1970s and 80s. On the same day we will have our **first official FORUM CHURCH MEETING**. Celebrate with us and give the LORD the glory as we welcome the **first members** and adopt the church constitution! Prior to this, on **9th May**, John and Hans-Georg had already been meeting with four of our brothers and sisters from the FORUM for a **BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE**. On **20th May** a discussion is planned in Melk (Lower Austria) with **Dr. Klaus John**, the founder of the Andes Mission Hospital in **PERU**, to get to know him personally. Three of our Austrian missionaries are already working there and we would like to see a continuation of our good working relationship and God's ongoing blessing on it.

"Moms' Day Out"

In Baden near Vienna: 166 participants from right across the country... an atmosphere of expectation... cheerful discussions in German and English... delicious food... extremely honest and therefore very helpful talks from US author Jill Savage. At the two bi-lingual workshops given by Margret ('Working with our kids through hardship' and 'Finding joy daily') there was a **really positive response!** All in all a very encouraging time and totally worthwhile.

By the way: Soon there will be one more Mum!

SEBASTIAN & ANNIE are hoping for a safe arrival for their little girl at the end of May! We are all very excited!

Renate

You have prayed for her on many occasions! Now our good friend is **at home with the Lord Jesus!** We were able to go and see her on the day before she died and early the following morning we went back to her home to say goodbye to her along with her close family. She had already made all the arrangements with us for her funeral... **PLEASE PRAY** for her daughter Sandra and her son Bernhard, who are quite exhausted from the long time which they have spent caring for their mother.

SALZBURG

At the end of May (30th-31st) we have a weekend of meetings coming up in Salzburg. On the Saturday morning Margret will be speaking at the **Ladies Breakfast meeting** ('The main thing is to be healthy...or is it?') and in the afternoon we are both leading our **seminar on funerals and supporting the bereaved**.

We are praying for this busy weekend and for God's blessing on all the activities.

With our many tasks we are increasingly aware of how much we depend on your intercession for us!

Our heartfelt THANKS for your faithfulness!

May you feel GOD'S abundant grace in your individual situation and may you feel blessed and loved!

Yours in His service,



Hans-Georg, Margret & Annika

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