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## TT - 'Travelling Together' (75)

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

*Dear Friends,*

**October 2015**

To start off with: a piece of good news... In our last 'TT' we mentioned the **young Austrian family** who wished to join our church work here on a full-time basis. You have certainly been praying about this! Even during their 'getting-to-know-you' week with us here in Eisenstadt, they had a growing certainty that their path was leading them here. Alongside their decision there were also many people who agreed to support our church with the financing of this full-time position for the time being. We are HUGELY delighted, we're so GRATEFUL and we are very excited! But first of all **Michael and Ruth Oswald, and their little boy Lukas**, must find a home here in the state capital of Burgenland, i.e. we are currently looking for accommodation for them. October is also the final month of having our dear friends the Doss family with us before they move to the United States. Since we have shared the responsibility for the FORUM Church with them up till now, we will soon see a considerable increase in our workload... How good it is that the brothers and sisters on the leadership team, together with other fellow workers, are there to give us substantial support.

### **"What came of your visit to 'T'?"**

We are still at the stage of fact-finding and making enquiries. However, we have postponed our visit for the time being because of the current situation in the church here and because of the unprecedented number of (long-term) missionary candidates coming forward, but we are planning – God willing – to look at this again next year. As always, we are still in touch with our friends over there and we are ready for new things if this path opens up for us – but it has to be in HIS time!

**PLEASE pray with us for God's clear direction and guidance! THANKS!**

### **Special guests at the house group**

**Our son Manuel** brought along two of his refugee friends to one of the recent evening house group meetings, one from Iraq and one from Iran. These two were given a warm welcome. One of them came with a whole list of questions about the Christian faith. 'M' was so touched by the immeasurable love of our God that he was moved to tears. He couldn't grasp that the **God of the Bible** would simply accept him – just as he is! Since then he has been actively keeping in touch and has been inviting other friends to seek **"Isa Al-Masih"** (as the **Lord Jesus** is called in the **Koran**). Manuel feels really drawn to the refugees in the still temporary camp in Eisenstadt and is eagerly building up links with them. He loves being with all the different nationalities, he invites them to his flat, shows them the 'Jesus Film' and has also had some to stay overnight.

### **The last Sunday in September: a late evening report...**

"Half past ten at night... and the last guest has only just left. It is the end of a very busy day with a lively FORUM service in the morning, taken by the Romanian Emmanuel Baptist Church from Vienna. Sixteen people came along including their music group. We listened to their **moving testimonies** and we celebrated the Lord's Supper with them. Hans-Georg introduced the service and Margret led the children's activities. Afterwards we had **guests from Poland, USA, Canada and Vienna** at our house... Then 'M', a lady from the Eisenstadt area, came to see Margret unexpectedly **for counselling** – not long ago we had taken her father's funeral. She is in the middle of a relationship crisis which has come on top of the bereavement which she still hasn't come to terms with. In her great need she phoned us up and then spent the whole evening with us. At the end Margret was able to pray with her! In the meantime Hans-Georg took part in our monthly church members' meeting in which some important decisions were made (see above). THAT was Sunday for us..! It certainly kept us on our toes! Tomorrow we have a visit from **a couple from New Zealand...**"

### **THANK YOU so much for all your good wishes for our sixtieth!**

On 5<sup>th</sup> September we had a fantastic party with all our children and grandchildren, as well as a few friends! There were lots of surprise contributions, games and presents! It was just SUPER – even the location with a children's play area right next to the lovely function room. The staff had decorated it really prettily with sunflowers and roses... just like at a wedding! We did enjoy having our grandchildren there at all their different stages! Each one is unique and so precious! We love them to bits!

### **Please pray with us for these events coming in October**

**30<sup>th</sup> Sept.–3<sup>rd</sup> Oct.:** visit of a young missionary lady (eastern Mediterranean area) for debriefing

**4<sup>th</sup> Oct.:** Dedication service for our youngest granddaughter Miriam and the little boy Klemens. Hans-Georg is preaching

**9<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup> Oct.:** visits and deputation meetings in the Nuremberg region

**16<sup>th</sup> Oct.:** Geography exam (stage one) – part of the local 'Abitur' (equivalent to A Levels). **Please think of ANNIKA!**

**Your support in prayer for our ongoing work for the Lord is invaluable to us!**

**We THANK YOU all for reading this newsletter – please print it off and pray for us!**

**We are always glad to have your replies, however short... We need encouragement just as much as you do!**

Wishing you the joy of the Lord,



*Hans-Georg, Margret & Annika*

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