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TT – 'Travelling Together' (82)

"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you." (Isaiah 66:13)

Dear Friends,

May 2016

With our May-TT we would like to send you this Bible verse for the month:

"Have you forgotten then that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit? The Spirit that God has given you lives in you and you no longer belong to yourselves." (1 Cor 6:19)

For many months now we have been praying for our friend in her extremely difficult and complicated family situation. She was the only one in her family who had a serious faith in the Lord Jesus. Her mother was sceptical about it all and yet she was curious, because **her daughter's life had changed so much**. Her father was apathetic, even cynical, about anything Christian. Her brother had a drinking problem... 'By chance' her mother and brother found their way to a 'ordinary' church service during which a former alcoholic told the congregation how he had been freed from his addiction by the Lord Jesus. Our friend's brother was very moved by this and longed to be free himself. He accepted the offer to be prayed for, and at the same time the mother took her first steps in faith! We are amazed at the effect that one changed life can have. Through faith in Jesus Christ a person becomes a totally new creation and we discover that we are called with our whole being – body and soul – to give the honour to God. We no longer need to go along with everything that society dictates. How good it is that we can encourage one another and pray for each other!

THANK YOU so much that you are supporting us and following our progress – you are so valuable to us!

April has gone by...

...in a flash! It was a very busy time, full of discussions with fellow workers, counselling, meeting people, preaching, praying and greatly enriched with times spent with our grandchildren and receiving a wide range of visitors...

Our family...

ANNIKA (19) is now entering the 'final straight' for her Matura exams (= A-Levels). She would be so grateful for your prayers for the following days: **9th May – German, 11th May – English, 13th May – Didactics**. In the meantime she has found through friends a job for the summer holidays in an office in Eisenstadt, but she still doesn't know what she will be doing from September onwards. She would so love to find a place as a nursery school teacher in this area.

MANUEL (28) still needs your prayers.

We are so grateful that we can stand together as an extended family and be a help to one another!

"Go and make disciples of all nations and...!" (Mt 28:19-20)

This is the basis on which we have tried to work together to develop a structure for our Eisenstadt FORUM Church. The 'pillars' of our church development consist of: **Evangelism – Church services – Teaching – Fellowship – Prayer – Ministry**. In the discussions with our fellow workers we have focused on finding a leader for each of these 'pillars' who will then be responsible for that particular area. Recently we presented this structure at our church members meeting. Now we are hoping and praying that a **strong church leadership team** will come out of these **dedicated area leaders**.

We are often asked...

"Which one of you writes the TT Newsletters?" The answer is: They are always a joint effort, a 'team production'! **Hans-Georg**: "I'm the main 'scribe' and I have many ideas, but to be honest there is quite a gap between having the ideas and putting them down on paper. Margret is the one who fills this gap. Most of what I write down is reworded by Margret!" **Margret**: "And if Hans-Georg didn't write anything down, it wouldn't get any further than just being ideas!" J



Planned for May...

04th May: Our African couple are back from short-term missionary work (Nigeria). They have visited us for their debriefing.

07th May: A young couple with a mixed cultural background came to see us for advice on their future plans.

08th May: Hans-Georg was preaching again at the English language church in Vienna.

09th May: "Talking about grieving" – we went to a one-day follow-on training session in Vienna.

12th May: Our Foreign Missions Team (TAM) is getting together for another important meeting (re-structuring our work).

15th May: Pentecost – preaching at the Eisenstadt FORUM service.

22nd May: We are sending a young family from one of our BEG churches out to work in a sensitive country in central Africa for missionary aviation work. Please pray for safekeeping for our valuable fellow workers

25th–29th May: Hans-Georg will lead the Bible studies at a church holiday in the Siegerland area (Germany – east of Bonn)

29th May: "Austria – a Missionary Country?!" Evening meeting YMCA Clubhouse in Neunkirchen (also Siegerland area)

We are always glad to hear from you, dear friends, to find out what you are doing and how you are keeping.

PLEASE let us know if we can pray for you. THANK YOU for being so active on your part!

May God bless you richly – wherever HE has placed you,



Warmly, Hans-Georg, Margret & Annika

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