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TT - 'Travelling Together' (84)

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

Dear Friends,

July 2016

As we come up to the holiday season we would like to greet you with a verse from the Bible that was God's message to Moses: **"I will cause all MY goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim MY name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."** (Ex 33:19) Moses was totally exhausted. And it was at that point that God met him in a very personal way. What an encouragement and what a source of strength! He was able to behold God who is eternal and beyond human understanding – this is incomprehensible! And what is more: Moses was able to experience how God meets His beloved people personally: full of **grace** and **mercy**. To see God face to face was denied to Moses and that was for his protection: "No-one may see me and live." (Ex 33:20) Yet he recognised God, even if he didn't see HIM! Yes, God allows Himself to be known through HIS **grace**, HIS **mercy** and HIS **goodness**! Then God Himself takes a crucial step towards us people. In His Son the Lord Jesus Christ HE reveals Himself to us as a human being. To see God? Yes, God allows Himself to be seen: "And we have seen His glory, the glory of the only begotten Son of the Father, full of **grace** and **truth**." (John 1:14) Together with you we want to trust this God of **grace** and **mercy** for great things!

The recent days have been very eventful...

MARGRET reports: Although I thought they'd almost forgotten about it, there was an unexpected phone call from the **hospital in Vienna** to give me an appointment for my pre-op on 24th June. On 27th I had a two-hour operation, carried out by very experienced specialists to **remove the entire thyroid gland and all the adhesions**. Two days later I was back home! My legs were still wobbly and the nerve to the vocal chords was affected, but I was on the road to recovery. In the midst of it I was once again very grateful for the excellent health service here in Austria! And even though I have had to pull out of some engagements, **the timing couldn't have been better!** In this I see God's hand at work in answer to your prayers. **THANKS!**

Annika has finished school

It is now official: after various school-leaving celebrations her school days are finally over! Annika has applied for various **Nursery School Teaching Posts** and is now waiting for a positive response. Where could this take her – Burgenland? – Vienna?... She has also been accepted for an additional two and a half year high school training course to support her professional development. The course is in 'leisure education' and will be held at the training college here in Eisenstadt.

Time and again we get asked...

"Is T. still a possibility as a place where you might serve next?" Originally we had planned a 'fact-finding visit' to this country in the autumn. But then out of the blue we had the request from Chile to take part in the missionary conference in Santiago. So now we have postponed our **long-planned trip to T.** to next year – **God willing!** These are exciting times: as we have reached various 'milestones' in our life, we have seen time and again how our LORD has opened or closed doors for us or led us in a completely different direction. We want to be open to either option: 'staying put' or going off in a completely new direction. **Your suggestions, advice and insights would be more than welcome and very much appreciated!**

"No. 30921 Hoprich (Missionary Conference Chile)"

Have you still remembered? This is the project number for our visit to South America from **23rd Sept. to 20th Oct.** Many THANKS for all the financial contributions received so far! **See below for more details on how to make donations.** We have recently received the wide-ranging schedule for our time of service in Chile. It includes several talks to be given to the plenary sessions, as well as three workshops and a meeting with the students of the Anglican Theological Training College in Santiago. We are looking forward very much to meeting many different people and having fellowship with our friends over there and also with the Austrian BEG missionaries in Peru and Brazil. The coming summer months will be taken up with the preparations for this time of ministry. **We THANK YOU for supporting us in prayer!**

In July:

We are rejoicing that the BEG Foreign Missions Team (TAM) was in a position to send out the young **Freisleben family** with their three little children **to Japan on 3rd July**. It will not be easy for them to start their work there!

We are praying for God's protection and that they will be able to settle in soon.

Up-coming **preaching engagements** include **17th July at our FORUM Church** where the vital topic will be 'Forgiveness' and **24th July at the international 'Grace Church' in Vienna:** 'Church building'. We are trusting that God's Word will speak firstly to our own hearts and then to the congregation in a personal way and will bring about changed lives.

Many warm THANKS for your support and intercession for our work – whether you have been doing this for years or whether you have only been with us a short time! You are all in different places, but it is only together that we can really succeed! THANK YOU for being so active on our behalf!

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Hans-Georg, Margret & Annika

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