

# Travelling Together (104)

„To the thirsty I will give freely from the spring of the water of life.“ (Rev 21:6)

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**“Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.”** John 20:21

The friends of Jesus withdrew in disappointment. Jesus had died on the cross like a criminal and had been buried. And their hopes had been buried too with the One they'd been on the road with for three years. That was the end of it. The disciples of Jesus barricaded themselves in: “Who knows, perhaps we'll be the next to be arrested...? – Suddenly Jesus is standing there in the doorway. His first words to them are, **“Peace be with you!”** Even with Peter. Three times Peter had sworn that he did not know Jesus. He had failed miserably! **“Peace be with you, Peter! Peace be with you all!** – even James and John. Jesus had taken them with Him especially, so they could support Him and pray for Him. But they fell asleep, their tiredness was greater than their willingness to help. **Peace be with you!** – And with all the other disciples who had run away and hidden. Twice Jesus says to His disciples: **Peace be with you!** And then He goes on, “As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you!” Unbelievable! Jesus doesn't walk away from these unreliable friends, instead He calls them to continue His mission. Jesus remains faithful to them, deems them worthy of going out in His name. **They are still His people!** What a good thing that in His grace Jesus keeps company with failures – even today! **Peace be with you too!**

**We didn't have a chance to be bored...**

...in March, and we are deeply grateful to you for carrying us in prayer specially during this past month. Those weeks were very busy and intensive; what we were involved in is still occupying us to some extent and has a lot to do with our future.

Please pray especially for **Timna**, as she has now taken over most of our tasks, in particular concerning the care of our long- and short-term missionaries.

We have completed the **marriage preparation course with Stefan and Melanie**. Here are some of the topics that we've discussed together during the many sessions: ‘Communication’, ‘Understanding our roles’, ‘Children’, ‘Finances’, ‘Shared faith’...

It was a great joy to see **Richard**, our friend from our time at All Nations College ([www.allnations.ac.uk](http://www.allnations.ac.uk)). He and his wife Catherine are based in Oxford; they are involved in outreach to **international students**.

We were overwhelmed by the **Ladies' Breakfast Meeting in Oberwart** in Burgenland. The restaurant at the exhibition centre was crammed full with **420 participants** (they've never had so many!)... We are full of hope that the Word of God which was sown will bear fruit for eternity. After the two informative days with **Mike**, the Europe leader of our partner organisation **“Pioneers”**, ideas are coming together for possibly working with them. In respect to **our final period of service** we wish to know **God's will**.

**Now we are in the midst of our final preparations...**

...for our big trip to Papua New Guinea. On 10<sup>th</sup> April we will set off to visit former places of service in the Highlands (Mount Hagen) with colleagues. We will go on from there to the National Church Conference of the South Seas Church in the Sepik River region. Then from 1<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May we hope to be in New Britain, the island that was our home for ten years. Various **meetings** and **visits** have been planned in the tribal areas of the **Mamusi, Kol and Mengen**. Our New Guinea brothers and sister have been sending us heart-warming messages such as: **“Most welcome to homeland!”** The last few days before we fly back we would like to spend exploring the capital Port Moresby. We would be very grateful if you could pray for us during these extremely busy weeks. A special matter for prayer would be our **safekeeping and protection during our travels**, including from tropical diseases! Above all we wish to be a blessing to the people there. Perhaps in the media you have heard about the **earthquake of the century in Papua New Guinea..?** In the early hours of 26<sup>th</sup> February an earthquake measuring 7.5 on the Richter scale shook a wide area of the mainland, with its epicentre about 19 miles (30 km) south of Tari. Dozens of people lost their lives and many more were injured. There were massive landslides, rivers burst their banks, houses were destroyed, roads were blocked. Electricity and telephone connections were cut off. Clean drinking water was in short supply. There were hundreds of aftershocks. **We would be grateful if you could pray for the people who have been affected there!**

**New family photo!**

It was a great joy to us on the last Sunday in March (24<sup>th</sup>) to have **all the Hoprich family** together and to have a photo taken of us together – see attached. It was a wonderful time! **If you would like a paper copy of this photo, please let us know** – please include your address so that we can post it to you!

**Full of thanks...**

**We're so grateful for your faithful support! Each and every prayer, every e-mail, every WhatsApp message, every little parcel and every single donation (however small) is an unbelievable blessing to us. It encourages us to carry on helping build the Kingdom of God, here and wherever HE may send us!**

**Thank you for being part of it and for making it possible for us!**

**Yours in His service,**

*Hans-Georg, Margret & Annika*

## Prayercorner

**Praise God for...**

- HE is 'SHALOM', even for failures
- All our prayer supporters
- New perspectives on our future

**Please pray for...**

- Stephan & Melanie
- Good results from the L'. Breakfast
- The earthquake victims in PNG
- Blessing and protection in PNG

**What are you occupied with? What would you like us to pray for?**

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