

TT - Travelling Together (107)

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

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“God is love. Whoever lives in love, lives in God and God lives in him.” 1 John 4:16
You couldn't get to the heart of the relationship between God and us more concisely; what it means to be a Christian is described in just a few words! We discern three movements of love: from God to us – from us to our neighbours - from us to God! In sending His Son Jesus Christ God's love becomes unsurpassable and visible once and for all. The direction of love is important (v 10): Every attempt at turning this around is doomed to failure. We cannot love God in our own strength – that would overwhelm us hopelessly. Because God loves us, it means that we can and should share HIS love with others. At times this could threaten to become strenuous and exhausting. We can only pass on what we have received from God. There is a fire in love, but our own striving and over-estimation of ourselves lead to burn-out. Whoever gives more than they have received always exhausts their own limited strength. God has first loved us; that is why we can pass His love on to other people and love God in return. May we abide in this “Way of Love”!

Farewell to a special house...

At the end of July Mother Ludwig (Margret's mother), who is in relatively good health, celebrated her 90th birthday. At the same time there was a big family gathering in Ludwigsburg (near Stuttgart) to say goodbye to the grandparents' house with all its traditions and memories. It was 'a house of prayer'! The grandparents had **prayed each morning for their nineteen grandchildren**. Grandpa Ludwig worked for many years as a senior manager at Bosch in Feuerbach (Stuttgart) and during the turmoil of the Nazi regime and the Second World War he stood firm. For decades he was also the chairman of the YMCA. This gathering signalled the end of an important and crucial era for our family, **but the blessings live on!**

Farewell to the BEG Foreign Missions Team (TAM)

“Get Together (2)” – it was a great privilege to be there – probably for the last time! At this event which was held recently we met as team members with our long- and short-term missionaries who are presently in Austria on furlough, in preparation, for debriefing or for other reasons. It was a time of blessing... getting to know one another, singing together, praying, sharing in small groups, drinking coffee and having a barbecue. We had a joyful time together. In all there were **seventeen adults and eight children**. The children were looked after separately so that both parents could take part in all the planned activities. The event took place in the house and garden of Timna and Matthias at Wels (Upper Austria). Timna has settled in well to our former area of work.

This signalled for us the end of over **twenty years of involvement with the TAM!**

Farewell to our old computer...

Our 15-year old 'Vista' desktop computer was getting old... Just before it gave up completely we were able to get the data off it. Without this tool we would not have been able to do our daily work and we are so grateful to the DMG and its IT experts for finding us a new computer and installing it for us. **If anyone wants to help with the cost of providing this can do so via the DMG account with the reference: “PC Hoprich” – see below for details. Many THANKS!**

Farewell – transfer period – a new beginning...

Yes, at present we are in the middle of letting go of our dearly loved former tasks... and starting to step into new things! Over the past few years we have kept you up to date with this transfer process and we have prayed much about it. We have consulted our family, our friends and the DMG. It became all the more clear that this is the right moment. Our personal desire for the next few years would be to work in the background with an existing team and to have **more time for God's Word, for prayer and for supporting our fellow workers**. We still don't know whether we will get our wish. However, we can already see some good opportunities and we're able to plan our next steps – there will be more on this in our next 'Travelling Together' Newsletter (108), God willing! **In connection with this can we make the following request:** Even as we say goodbye, as we pass on our tasks to other people and seek a fresh start, we still need friends and supporters, such as yourselves, right from the outset – brothers and sisters who are ready and willing to pray with us, to be involved and to give. This applies just as much for us personally as for our former area of service. Now especially we still need your friendship, your interest, your intercession and your practical support. **THANK YOU for your faithful commitment!**

We wish you a refreshing summer and we hope you enjoy your holiday times. God bless you!

Yours in His service

Hans-Georg & Margret

P.S.: Data protection – it's quite simple!

We're delighted to stay in touch with you, and to have your interest in us and our work within the framework of the DMG. **THANK YOU for standing with us.** As co-workers with the DMG, working outside Germany, we will **only** use your names and contact details **for the purpose of** sending you our newsletters and staying in touch with you. We and the DMG will not pass on your details to any third party. You have been receiving our newsletters for a long time and we are happy to continue sending them out to you. If we don't hear from you, we will assume that you still want to read our news. Should you no longer wish to receive our newsletters, please contact us – just a simple e-mail with 'Cancellation' as the subject matter. **But we would be ever so glad to stay in touch!**

'Prayercorner'

Praise God for...

- God's incomprehensible love
- Praying grandparents
- Good transfer of work to Timna
- You, our friends

Please pray for...

- Hans preaching on 5th & 12th August
- Wisdom for counselling sessions
- Marriage preparation for R. & A
- Us as we plan our next steps

What are you occupied with?

What would you like us to pray for?

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