

# TT - Travelling Together (109)

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

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**“All my longings lie open before you, O Lord: my sighing is not hidden from you.” (Ps 38:9)**

Who knows all my longings and sighing? Sometimes not even those closest to us. Whenever possible I even try to hide them from myself, by giving them as little attention as possible, ignoring them as much as I can. But the Lord Jesus is standing right there! HE pays attention to my longings and my sighs. HE gives me HIS attention. HE does not ignore – by HIM I am valued, even with all my sighs and longings; I am **unconditionally accepted and loved**. Like any kind of love, even HIS love waits for an answer – for my answer, so that all that I am can find rest in HIS presence. What is your need? Today..? Don't keep hanging on to it! Look to our LORD Jesus Christ! HE who has suffered everything understands you like no one else can. HE has carried your guilt. **HE is FOR you – never AGAINST you!** Under HIS loving gaze your longing can turn into hope. HIS opportunities are greater than everything we can long for. That's why it's worth trusting in HIM even in your greatest need!

## Never in our lives...

...have we in the space of just a few weeks been to so many different countries – or met such a variety of people – or switched from one language or dialect to another: from the Burgenland dialect to Swiss German, from Swabian German to Italian and the south Tyrol dialect, from the Viennese accent to Gaelic and the distinctive English accent of Northern Ireland. **What a wide range!** It was also a great privilege to meet up with old friends, to make new friends and to have good fellowship!

While at **SIM's 125<sup>th</sup>** anniversary celebrations we were impressed by their exciting review of the mission's history. At the **Member Care Course** in Korntal we were taught how to go about solving situations of conflict...

The highlight of the **church weekend in Bozen** was the baptism of three brothers from one family...

We're not long back from Northern Ireland where we were overwhelmed by the warm reception and the renowned hospitality we received at the **Baptist Churches in Lisburn and Moira** (south of Belfast). As well as the two missionary evenings and Margret's talk on 'Joy' to the ladies' group we unexpectedly had the chance to tell our "PNG crocodile story" to the children in the Sunday school. A special highlight was meeting up again with Amy and David, our **former fellow students** from All Nations Christian College – all of 34 years ago! They also took us to see the 'Giants Causeway', an amazing rock formation on the north coast. **It was unbelievable what was squeezed into those four days!!**

## Coming up: South Africa

In the meantime we have received more details regarding our stay in S. Africa (9<sup>th</sup>–31<sup>st</sup> Oct.). During our stay there will be a **SIM regional conference** at which the leaders in the "ROSA countries" ("**Region of Southern Africa**") will come together. Since there is a distinct possibility of us serving in a direct way in these countries, it is also the leaders' desire for us to be at the conference and to introduce us to the delegates. The alternative to the ROSA countries would be a more limited area of service based in Cape Town, focussing only on the 150 or so workers in S. Africa itself. With both these possibilities the work would involve supporting and advising the missionaries, especially in exceptional situations e.g. in medical, personal or political crises. It would be very important for us – whether in **Johannesburg** or **Cape Town** – to be actively involved in a local church! With such a responsible area of ministry we're very glad that we've got the opportunity to see the situation there for ourselves before we make a firm decision about our future.

**Many, many thanks for supporting us in prayer as we work our way through this!**

**Knowing this is a great help to us!**

## Family concerns...

...that we would like to share with you: there are some serious health concerns in our immediate and wider family. Our youngest son **Manuel** is going through a very difficult time which he can't cope with on his own. All the family is very concerned for him and we are looking for ways to give him ongoing support.

**Hans-Georg's brother-in-law** has had cancer for some years and recently he had a lung operation. He is now on the road to recovery.

**Margret's sister** has also been diagnosed with cancer and had an operation on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

## 42 Bibles for a choir...

Recently we invited an older couple round to our house. For some time now they've not only been coming to our Forum seekers' Bible study group, but also they've been regularly attending our Sunday services. They told us they've been part of a local choir for many years and on some occasions the choir are given presents. **Why not next time** give them the handy pocket Bibles that we give out, e.g. when we are arranging a funeral? In the end there will be 42 of these little Bibles making their way shortly to the choir members... **WOW!!**

**Thank you so much for your commitment shown in your giving and your support in prayer!**

**What an encouragement! Without your active support we couldn't even be here – “Sent people” can't get very far without “sending people”...**

Yours in His service

*Hans-Georg & Margret*

## 'Prayercorner'

### Praise God for...

- Being loved unconditionally
- Strength & joy throughout Septemb.
- Bibles for the choir
- You, our faithful 'team members'

### Please pray for...

- Safeceeping in South Africa
- Our future service: WHERE??
- Brother-in-law & sister
- Manuel

### What are you occupied with?

### What would you like us to pray for?

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