

# TT - Travelling Together (III)

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

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“When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.” Mt 2:10. – The star leads the Wise Men to Jesus – this is the climax of the story. The ‘scientific experts’ fall on their knees before a baby and worship Him. The high up people are humbled, whereas the baby Jesus is the king of all the world – from the people of Israel outwards. Those who interpret the world are speechless and the Child that has yet to learn to speak takes over. The gifts from the Wise Men are the result of their devotion to Jesus. Even the rearranged travel plans for their return journey are the consequence of meeting Jesus. The obvious reason is to avoid Herod... Yet: whoever meets Jesus does not stay on the same path – they are changed and they set off in a different direction. It is no longer about the question of how brilliant a person appears to be in public, but bringing God’s power into effect is the determining factor in life. This results in joy and a longing to stay close to Jesus. How are we changed by meeting Jesus? Are we ready to follow HIM? Do we find a new joy on our way back into our everyday lives? May we encourage one another to be a “Christmas star” for other people and show them the way to Jesus!

## “Wonderfully kept safe by good powers...”

This is how the [news of the death of our dear friend Gisela Winter](#) was worded. Gisela became an ‘adopted’ Grandma to our children in the first two years after our return from PNG. She was our neighbour in Leichlingen (in the Rhineland), she had no children and she had just been widowed. She got to know our family and linked up with the local Baptist church. Little Annika got on really well with her. Through a ‘Pro Christ’ outreach event, Gisela came to a [living faith](#) in Jesus! [That was a real joy!](#) From then on, she read the Bible daily and she read it so much that it soon started to fall apart. We brought her a new one, which has now been given to us to keep in memory of her... Even this Bible showed clear signs of regular use. [It is a great comfort](#) to know that we will see her again...!

## “The birth of twins”

Also while we were in Leichlingen we got to know some people who have remained our friends... In mid-November, we were invited to the home of Klaus and Gaby in the south of Austria. They are related to our friends. The friends had also travelled specially from north Germany. Klaus had expressed the wish to know more about faith in Jesus. After many serious conversations, the two of them asked us to help them to put their lives in order before God! Following repentance, confessing their sins, making a conscious decision to enter a new life with Jesus and receiving complete forgiveness, a [great joy and a new hope](#) shone from them, affecting all of us! [Unbelievable! Exciting! Infectious!](#) Someone said, “That was cause for a big party in heaven: “The birth of twins”! [Would you pray for them with us?](#) For great spiritual hunger – for connecting with Christians in their area – for healing from the past – for growth in faith and trust in Jesus – and for physical healing for Klaus, his life is hanging by a thread!

## Farewell and being sent out by the BEG

We are still overwhelmed by the lovingly prepared ‘send-off’ at the 28<sup>th</sup> delegates meeting. 128 delegates and co-workers from our [57 member churches](#) were present when we met at the start of November. We were given an official farewell and we were formally thanked for our 20 exciting and richly filled years with the BEG’s ‘Foreign Missions Department’. At the same time the BEG leaders [blessed us and sent us out](#) into our new area of ministry.

[What a privilege to serve the Lord Jesus together with you all!](#)

## Where next?

Now we are on the ‘home straight’ of our decision process! [South Africa? Pioneers? Or something else?](#) In the meantime the [European Christian Mission \(ECM\)](#) has also offered us an opportunity to work with them. With the ECM, just as with Pioneers, there would be the opportunity to be based in Eisenstadt and work throughout Europe and to build up on long-standing networks and relationships. In both positions, “Member Care” would be part of our work. In the next few days, there will be some [important discussions](#) that will hopefully bring some [clarity](#).

[We are very excited to see which direction the LORD will steer us in!](#)

## Family news

[Grandchild no. six](#) is on the way! Benjamin and Maria are expecting their third child in April!

Our [Manuel](#) is grateful that he has been accepted on a six-week rehab, which he will be starting 19<sup>th</sup> Dec.

## “Cup of Joy” – our Forum Church’s Christmas project

For the three weeks coming up to Christmas the church has rented an empty shop in a central location in Eisenstadt’s pedestrian zone. [All our church activities](#) (services, small groups, youth and children’s events, bookstall, coffee and cakes) will take place there during this time. We are [praying that the local population will look us on favourably](#), that we will meet people who are open to the Gospel and that these [meetings will bear fruit](#).

At the end of the year:

THANK YOU for every prayer, THANK YOU for thinking of us, for all your encouragement and financial support, THANK YOU for the many big and little joys of every kind, which you have given us in 2018!

Happy Christmas and God bless you as you start 2019.

Yours in His service,

*Hans-Georg & Margret*

## „Prayercorner“

### Praise God for...

- God’s gift of joy
- Health & safekeeping during 2018
- Being sent out by the BEG
- You, our faithful ‘team members’

### Please pray for...

- Klaus & Gaby
- Forum Christmas project
- Clarity for our future
- Maria’s pregnancy

[What are you occupied with?](#)  
[What would you like us to pray for?](#)

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