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„Seek peace and pursue it!“ (Psalm 34:14)

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“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.” Rom 8:18

An 'easy' promise for the hereafter? Paul is looking far ahead. For seeing God only in the world is not enough! Here God is often a puzzle to us, He appears to be obscure, incomprehensible. Paul knew what it was like to struggle with physical and spiritual agony. At those times he endeavoured, like the Lord Jesus, to look far ahead: **To the glory of God! There's nothing beyond that!** Living in God's creation is **only half of the truth**, at times it's very depressing. But there is **the other half of the truth**: the glory of God. We know nothing, or very little of it. While this earth and this heaven still exist, Paul still sets his sights on God's new heaven and HIS new earth! Paul's way of thinking has a firm foundation, namely Jesus, and before Him, the prophets. And God who willed all life into being will draw it all back to Himself and change it into HIS glory. It cannot be that the suffering of this world is God's current word, or even His final word. We often don't know why we're suffering. But with Paul we are convinced that suffering has a final destination: life in God's glory! **This isn't an 'easy' promise for the hereafter, but the other half of the truth** and only with it is our faith complete!

No, we are not moving somewhere else – No, we have not retired – Yes, it is very different from being unemployed!

This is a summary of our answers to the frequent questions people ask us about our new period of service. We are very grateful that we still have the opportunity to be based in Eisenstadt. All our children and their families live here or not too far away! The beautiful Esterhazy Palace here in Eisenstadt (<https://esterhazy.at/en/esterhazypalace>) will be the venue for the **wedding of our daughter Annika and her fiancé David in August**. It was here that that Benjamin & Maria, and David & Claudia had their church ceremony – one of the very first ones. **“Two are better than one”** (Ecc. 4:9). This is something we have discovered for ourselves. In June we will be celebrating, God willing, **our 40th wedding anniversary**. For this and for many other things, **we are eternally grateful!**

Our new partner missions...

Only now are we gradually getting a clearer picture of the tasks and challenges that lie before us. Up until now there have been countless consultations and many e-mails have gone back and forth between us and the mission leaders of **Pioneers (in) Europe** (www.pioneerseurope.org and www.pioneersineurope.com). As we are being sent out by the Association of Evangelical Churches of Austria (BEG), among others, we are working on a partnership agreement and a more detailed job description for us. From 3rd–5th Feb. we were meeting Pioneers Europe leaders Mike and Steve in Kandern (Black Forest – S. Germany) to finalise both of these. Out of the blue we also received a serious request from **ECM (European Christian Mission – www.ecmi.org)** about the possibility of us taking on part of the 'Member Care' responsibilities for their co-workers here in Austria, as well as in Poland and Slovenia. This **inter-mission co-operation** would not be a new thing for us, as in the past years we have worked together with many international missionary organisations. In order to get to know ECM's working methods and some of their co-workers, we have been invited to go to Slovenia at the end of February for a couple of days. **Can you pray with us for beneficial and open meetings with them, combined with the opportunity to work together to establish goals.**

Klaus, Gabi – and Miryam...

Remember our **'birth of twins'**? We frequently get news from Carinthia and we are aware of how their new life is fraught with difficulties. Klaus's health has improved, but Gabi is really unwell.

We have had regular meetings with **Miryam** and begun to read the Bible with her. Her German is so good that we have been able to explain the **'four foundation stones of the Christian life'** to her (God's Word – Fellowship – Prayer – Obedience). She is increasingly aware how much freedom there is in the Gospel. We were deeply moved by her vital question: **“Why is no one going to 'Asia' so that people there will hear these good words?”** Yes, **WHY indeed?** Miryam is now living in Vienna and comes to Eisenstadt regularly to visit her two little children. She has found a Christian fellowship in her neighbourhood.

What else is coming up...

From 6th–9th and 18th–21st Feb. we will be at the **Academy of World Missions in D-Korntal** again. This time in the 'Member Care' course we will be looking at: 'Debriefing at the end of a period of missionary service', 'Overcoming stress and trauma', and 'The needs of single people and families in world mission'. There will also be a supervision day (in which our descriptions of real-life member care cases will be discussed and analysed as a group together with the supervisor and lecturers).

On 24th Feb. **Hans-Georg** will be preaching again at the **Grace Church in Vienna**.

In the intervening days we will have **many visitors coming and going** – some from other countries...

Your partnership in prayer and through giving is an ongoing source of encouragement for us!
THANK YOU!!

Yours in His service,

Hans-Georg & Margret

„Prayercorner“

Praise God for...

- The hope of glory
- Our work: Exciting prospects
- Miryam's interest & growth
- You – our faithful 'team members'

Please pray for...

- Starting our new tasks
- Getting to know new teams
- Klaus & Gabi – Miryam
- Our children, marriages, grandchild.

What are you occupied with?

What would you like us to pray for?

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