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

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“Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.” Jas. 1:19
“Everyone!” What would happen if every single person kept to this? We would have fewer wars, fewer failed marriages, fewer extremes in our society... We would get on better with each other, we would have more peace in ourselves, in our families, in our churches, in our locality, in our country, in our world... Life would have a totally different quality! The first step would be to listen respectfully in order to understand – not in order to give an answer. **Ears to the fore and tongues held back, ears open and mouth shut!** In HIS wisdom God has given us two ears and only one mouth. Have you ever thought about that? Ears are uncovered and on the outside, the tongue kept behind a fence of teeth. **Hearing takes precedence!** Our ears should always and immediately be ready. The tongue, however, should be given time! A new kind of slowness is required: **Hesitate, put the tongue, and anger, into slow motion!** A central command in the Old Testament: **“HEAR O Israel!”** That’s how it starts! LISTENING to the LORD... Also in James 1 it’s about GOD’S Word: always be ready to be spoken to, first by GOD, then by our fellow people. And before we react: give ourselves time to digest, to think it over, to try to understand. That would not only be a good ‘programme’ for July 2019, but also a lifelong path to wisdom for a successful life!

During the past few weeks...

Thankfulness should be uppermost! That’s the reason we thank you sincerely for your intercession and for ‘carrying’ us! This applies especially to Margret’s brother, Christoph – he’s getting better! In fact a short-term care place has quickly been found for him – even with the possibility of long-term care! A great answer to prayer! Early in July a very experienced German **Pioneers Missionary to Mexico** came to visit us. We had two very full days of evaluation with her, a time of confidential sharing and giving personal advice. **It’s what we love to do!** And yet every time we do this, we are challenged afresh to listen carefully, not to miss the subtle nuances to find out where the problems could really lie. **We have learnt in the meantime that these special Member Care times can come under attack through unexpected disruptions and strange interruptions!** Every Tuesday morning is taken up with the Pioneers’ co-workers conversation and a time of prayer for the team via Skype. On many other days we are in contact with the missionary colleagues throughout the world that have been allocated to us. **Questions** often come up such as... “How should my ministry develop?” – “Is it still safe enough to work there?” – “My financial support is insufficient what should I do?” – “How can I create a healthy work-life balance?” – “We have problems in our international team...”

News from the “Eisenstadt Forum”

Pentecost Sunday: Church celebration including Baptism in Sebastian’s garden. It was a great joy to hear the life stories and testimonies of the five candidates, and the things that our great God has done in their individual lives...! Two more people came forward for baptism there and then, and they were baptised by Michael and Hans-Georg... On 7th July Hans-Georg preached at the Forum Church on **“Why does God allow it?”** (Gen. 22). **News from the “Cup of Joy 2.0” project:** The rental agreement has been signed! For the very first time an evening prayer meeting was held in the actual building which is badly in need of renovation – it was very moving. About a third of the finance has now come in, for which we are very thankful! In any case it still needs a lot of prayer, support and generosity and especially **favour with God and men!** Pray that we might experience together the “Cup of Joy Project” bearing much fruit in this city.

Everyone had been invited...!

...to what had presumably been our final **valedictory service on 14th July!** A special highlight was the ‘audience’ that was held the day before with **King Nene Sakite II** of Kroboland, Ghana. He was staying as a guest of honour in our home town of Gerlingen (near Stuttgart) and has also attended the **morning service at St Peter’s Church**. We had such a joy to meeting him and to seeing many of our friends and relations! World mission is the thing that brought us all together that weekend. The urgent need to spread the Good News has “stretched the bow” from Gerlingen to Ghana and to many other countries. Please pray with us that this will once again become a top priority!

For reflection...

From a newsletter: “Lilias Trotter was living as a **missionary in Algeria** and often found her work so difficult that she barely ‘brushed against’ the lives of other people. Then she watched a bee as it flew from flower to flower, like her, apparently aimlessly. Yet as it pollinated each flower, it provided the starting point for the fruit to come. What to our eyes looked like a **brief, insignificant contact** was crucial for the future existence of the plant. Almost unseen it left behind it **life... life... and more life**. The bee only had to be loaded with the life-giving pollen and brush it on to the flowers.”

On 29th July we shall be in Herrenberg (near Stuttgart) for **Grandma Ludwig’s 91st birthday**. We’re very grateful that we still have her with us. **Also:** arriving safely after such a long car journey is something that **we don’t take for granted!**

We wish you a lovely and refreshing summer with time to relax and be refreshed, to discover new and wonderful things and much joy and valuable times on your journey with the Lord Jesus.

Yours in His service,

Hans-Georg & Margret

„Prayercorner”

Praise God for...

- God’s patience, HIS Words to us
- Christoph’s recovery process
- Joy in our Member Care work
- You – our faithful ‘team members’

Please pray for...

- Safekeeping during attacks
- Discipleship of the 7 baptised
- Advancement of Cup of Joy 2.0
- God’s blessing for our Valedictory

What are you occupied with?

What would you like us to pray for?

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