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

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“As you go, preach this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near.’” Mt. 10:7 – The kingdom of heaven is the blessed world under God’s protection. And this blessed world is near to us! That’s what we should be telling others about. The Lord Jesus issued this task to us, as a church and as individuals. We should take on this responsibility and not run away from it. We should “give this message legs” and bring it to other people. Now it is becoming clear whether the Word spoken to us is merely promising something or if it is actually changing something. **The kingdom of heaven is near!** God has come to us people and He has brought heaven with Him, where we can come just as we are: Sick... fallible... weak... hurting. The task is “Go and talk to people.” However, don’t make them unrealistic promises – that would be a lie that would drive them away, sooner or later. Share their life struggles, snatch them from the jaws of sickness, accept them in spite of all their failings, give them a fresh start and help them find new strength, and to bring healing – **it is possible**. We should be on the side of the people we want to reach, at their level, being understanding and understandable. Together with them you can make progress. The kingdom of heaven is near! **What a lovely message** – we should listen to it, experience it and spread it. Wherever we are – and even together with you!

Much encouraged and very thankful...

That’s how we felt as we travelled back from our **home town, Gerlingen**, in mid-July. Spending time with King Nene Sakite II and his two attendants from Kroboland, Ghana, the wonderfully arranged **valedictory service** at St. Peter’s Church, meeting friends and relations, together with the Mayor and the town council – it all made the week-end unforgettable and a truly **historical moment** – not just for us!

“Book Project” – we need some help!

Recently we had a visit from an Austrian friend who is very interested in our life story. That led to a really detailed interview... Now we have both our life stories on an MP3 memory stick. Various people have previously suggested to us that our life experiences could be put together in a book. **A very interesting idea!** But it could only happen if we had some help! We’re hoping that someone has **the time and the inclination** to put in order all the material (reports, newsletters, interviews etc.), some of which has already been scanned, and to produce a text file. The editorial staff at the DMG would then take care of it!

A motorbike changes hands...

We were away from Austria on a ministry trip when we had a kind offer by telephone: “Do you know a missionary and / or pastor who could use a motorbike for his ministry?” Once back home we put the offer out via our e-mail network... The first reply came from the leaders of a church in the Tirol. Their young **pastor and missionary**, a father of three, has been **praying for years** for a motorbike so he can access the remote mountain villages. Independently the pastor himself got in touch a short time later: it was his birthday and he would be absolutely delighted to fulfil his long-held dream! He has since become the proud owner of the second-hand bike and it’s **proving very useful!**

Our previous work with the Foreign Missions Team (TAM)...

We began this work about 19 years ago. It’s still going well – perhaps even better... Our **Austrian successors** are **highly motivated** and they have an **effective team**, which is being built up well. They are actively nurturing contact with partner missions. Recently there was a seminar, which was well attended, on the subject of ‘Calling’. We’re delighted that the **number of applications** for short and long-term placements **is growing!** We are seeing something similar to what happened when we moved on from Papua New Guinea.

This is simply due to God’s grace and many answered prayers!

Wedding ‘fever’...

The next few weeks are going to be filled with the final preparations for the **wedding of our daughter Annika and her fiancé David**. The **official ceremony** will be on **17th August in Graz**. Annika will wear a ‘Dirndl’ dress and David will be in ‘Lederhosen’, and all the guests will be in traditional Austrian costume as well. The **church ceremony** will be held at the Esterhazy Palace here in Eisenstadt on 24th Aug. Hans-Georg will accompany our only daughter up the aisle, he will give the address and perform the wedding ceremony. We’re all so excited! **Please pray for God’s favour and blessing!**

What else have we got coming up?

The next two Sundays are taken up with **preaching engagements**, one on **4th at the Grace Church in Vienna** and one on **11th at a church in Textingtal**, Lower Austria, which is new to us. May God’s Word be a blessing for many people! Together with our Pioneers Europe Mission leader, Michael, we are travelling to Helsinki on **28th / 29th Aug.** to take part in **partnership discussions** with the **Finnish Lutheran Mission (SEKL)**. Then we will have a few days’ holiday in southern Finland. Our Finnish partners have very generously offered to let us use their car.

Many, many THANKS...

...for your interest, your prayers, your support for our ministry! We are deeply touched by your heart for world mission and we’re very grateful that you are standing with us and have now sent us out once again! – Yours in His service,

Hans-Georg & Margret

„Prayercorner“

Praise God for...

- The best message of all time
- A much blessed valedictory
- Interest in world mission in Austria
- You – our faithful ‘team members’

Please pray for...

- Preaching engagements: August
- Annika & David’s wedding
- Manuel’s recovery process
- Our time in Finland

What are you occupied with?

What would you like us to pray for?

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