

# TT – Travelling Together (124)

„I believe. Help my unbelief!” Mark 9:24

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“**God is faithful!**” 1 Cor. 1:9 – Only three words, short and to the point! No more needs to be said. You don’t need to know any more about God. These three words say it all. Everywhere in the Bible, it says that God is faithful. In the Greek ‘faithfulness’ has the same root as the word ‘faith’. A person believes and God is faithful. In German the words ‘faithful’, ‘to trust’ and ‘comfort’ are all connected. Whoever shows him / herself to be faithful, that is the one you can trust and **this trust is comforting**. Whoever is faithful is in a **reliable relationship** with another person. When it is said of God that HE is faithful, there is an assumption that HE is in a relationship. **The God of the Bible** is relational, right from the beginning. HE is looking for contact with us people, HE speaks to us, HE wishes to draw us to Himself, even when we are not faithful to HIM, HE remains faithful. **Faithfulness shows itself** particularly when there are crises. That someone would support us during our darkest hour of need, that HE would take our sin upon Himself and go through death with us. This is the **ultimate proof of faithfulness!** This we can’t speak of God’s faithfulness without also mentioning the Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful! What is more comforting than this pledge? With this promise, we can **face the future, having been comforted** ourselves. This is the foundation on which we can stand secure, whatever happens!

## Between looking back and looking ahead...

The first month of a new decade gives us the chance to look back, to be amazed, and to give thanks to our God for His faithfulness, and to you for all your **faithful support and generosity!** Thank you for being ready to share with us and to be part of what God is doing worldwide! Thank you for every prayer. We can’t stress enough how much we urgently need it! Thank you for all the times you have ‘carried’ us in prayer, for responding to our requests, for every little encouragement, and even for constructively critical questions... Thank you for your interest, for your involvement. You are “**encouragers**” and “**enablers**”. It is a great joy to us to be **Travelling Together (TT)** with you and to go forward into the New Year together! God is using you to reveal Himself to others in this world. That makes a big difference! How much we wish you all that 2020 will be filled with the **presence of Jesus** – even when things go wrong, and especially when things fall apart and we face disappointment, pain and bereavement!

## Partnership Development...

God willing, we will be visiting Germany on a number of occasions in 2020.

We would love to see as many of our partners there as possible. We currently have the following dates:

**APRIL: 15–18<sup>th</sup> – AUGUST / SEPTEMBER: 31<sup>st</sup> Aug–6<sup>th</sup> Sept. – OCTOBER: 2<sup>nd</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> Oct.**

We’re free especially for personal visits as well as helping with church events, etc.

By the way: This is **not just limited to Germany** only, but it would be such a privilege for us to visit and serve you wherever!

## We’re really looking forward to hearing from you, our friends!

### Do you remember our TT-Extra “New Life” (Dec. 2018)?

We regularly meet up with our Af.gh. friend **Miryam** who came to faith in ‘Isa al-Masih’ (Jesus the Messiah) on the first Sunday in Advent 2018. When she comes from Vienna to see us, we have a meal and read the Bible together. Miryam then has the opportunity to ask some honest questions, e.g. “What actually is Christmas?” She asked Hans-Georg, “How often have you beaten Margret?” – In her culture this is looked on as ‘normal’... A few weeks ago, we were able at last to give her a complete Bible in Farsi – she was overjoyed!

We celebrated Christmas Eve together with Miryam and our new **friends from the Middle East, M & A.**

We have already started a **discipleship course** with this couple in **English.**

### “InTent”

This is the name of an international **leadership course** which we’ve been invited to take part in by our **partner mission Pioneers**. The course is spread out over two years with a total of four week-long modules. It promises to be a really intensive time of **training, reflection, evaluation and personal sharing**. In preparation for it and with regard to our further service in international Member Care, we have been given a long reading list! Also there are detailed questionnaires to fill in and the “**Birkman Test**” <https://birkman.com> for our **personal and professional development**. We will be in a group of over thirty international leading co-workers from Pioneers, covering a wide range of areas of service. We are very grateful for all this, and we look on it as a tremendous privilege to be **part of something so much bigger**, to receive support and to benefit from the vast experience of others. And we’ve already been really **inspired** by the reading material!

## Our Forum Church in Eisenstadt...

...has started the year with a special week of **prayer and fasting**. Last Sunday we heard testimonies of moving experiences, far-reaching changes, answers to prayer and decisions made to follow Jesus!

A number of our long-standing fellow workers and their families are going through difficult times of **illness**. We are able to support them, but there are times when we don’t know what else to do, other than to trust God in His mercy to intervene.

Please help us as we pray for **E. & M.** (both seriously ill) and their families. **THANK YOU!**

## May God’s blessing be with you and yours,

*Hans-Georg & Margret*

## „Prayercorner”

### Praise God for...

- God’s incomprehensible faithfulness
- Miryam, M & A, their love for Jesus
- Week of fasting at the Forum
- You – our faithful ‘team members’

### Please pray for...

- Planning of partnership visits
- Preparation for InTent
- E. & M., both seriously ill
- Manuel’s recovery process

### What are you occupied with?

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

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