

TT – Travelling Together (125)

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

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“You were bought at a price; do not become the slaves of men!” (1 Cor. 7:23) – On February 14th the price of roses goes up. But for those buying for the one they love, no price is too high. Sometimes love does come at a high price. The market knows that I am under an obligation. That I should buy, what the adverts are promoting and what the purse can pay. There is ONE who has **paid a high price**. On Good Friday (the original ‘Black Friday’), there was no special reduction! HE gave away his last robe and in the end, His own life. “God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.” **God’s love for us people came at a high price!** “Wasn’t a bunch of roses enough?” they mocked beneath the cross and wove a crown of thorns out of the stems of the roses. “You were bought at a price,” says the Apostle Paul in our verse for the month where the price of roses goes up. And reluctantly we feel an inner resistance, as of course I don’t want to be ‘bought’ with a huge bunch of flowers or some other extravagant and embarrassing proof of love. God loved us so much that HE bought us at a great price. HE paid for me to be **free from all relationships**, which come with a costly ‘bill’ to be paid. Real love means commitment. Real love doesn’t ask, “What do you have to offer?” It commits itself **unconditionally**. It declares me to be free, free of all ‘deals’ which have to be fulfilled in order to be worth being loved.

“TT – Travelling Together”: Germany...

In the coming weeks we will be doing a lot of travelling! And we would be very grateful if you could support us in your prayers. From 14th – 19th February, the **“Pioneers Europe Leadership Team” (PIEU)** has been meeting at Buchenauerhof near D–Sinsheim, **HQ** of our sending mission **“DMG interpersonal”**). Our colleagues are coming from US, Holland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Madagascar, Germany... As a team, we are right at the beginning of our time of working together and we used the time to get to know each other better as we exchanged ideas etc. and planned for the years ahead. We tried to find out how we can best complement each other. In preparation for this, we have all taken part in some assessment tests. In all our efforts and activities it is our aim to help people from Europe who are interested in world mission to find their place and to support them in their ministry (**“Member Care”**).

“TT – Travelling Together”: Israel...

We’ll hardly be back from Germany when we’ll be repacking our suitcases, this time for an **educational visit to Israel: 22nd Feb.–5th March (see attachment)**. We’re really looking forward to it – it’s our long–cherished wish as well as being a present to each other for our 40th Wedding Anniversary (last year). In preparation for it, we’ve been sent a very interesting collection of reading material on Biblical, historical, cultural and political matters concerning the people of Israel. We’ve been reminded once again how ancient prophecies have been fulfilled to the letter and how – in spite of, and through, all kinds of persecution – God’s protection and safekeeping are clear to see... In the **second week**, we would like to visit a number of **co–workers who are serving out there**.

“TT – Travelling Together”: Thailand... (Plus update)

On 7th March we were due to set off for **Chiang Mai in Thailand** to attend the week–long “InTent” course, an intensive **leadership course** involving training, reflection, evaluation and personal sharing. We’d been invited to take part by “Pioneers International” together with a group of over thirty international co–workers in leadership in a wide range of areas of service with Pioneers. After the course, we had planned to spend a few days with a **co–worker family** in Chiang Mai that we are supporting to have an **in–depth debriefing** with them and to find out more about their work in this part of Thailand. On 19th Feb. we were informed that the course had been **cancelled due to the Coronavirus**. We understand the situation and **we aren’t frustrated**. It gives us **more time** to do the many other things that we’re involved in! – On **24th March** we will have a visit from **L., a young co–worker from Spain** who is serving in India. She will stay with us for a week so we can **get to know each other** and to have an **evaluation discussion**.

Do you remember ‘Mary Magdalene’...? (See TT–Extra “Why...?” Apr. 2019)

Last Easter she found the Lord Jesus at the age of 66. Her first question was, **“Why didn’t anyone tell me this before?”** At her request, we visited her recently especially to help her find and tune into **Christian radio stations**. She has been delighted to be able to listen to inspiring messages and her favourite worship songs during the week. When we asked **what else had changed for her since last Easter**, she burst out, **“Such a lot! Light has come into my darkness! I’m a cheerful sort of person but now my joy has a completely new dimension! Everything that I’m hearing about Jesus, I’m drinking it all in like a sponge! I’ve finally arrived! I’ve ‘come home!’ I’m so happy!”**

Mother Ludwig

After being moved around a number of times and a lot of confusion over the past two months **Margret’s Mother (91)** is now back at the residential home in Herrenberg (near Stuttgart). She has her own room in a nursing ward and has actually settled in quite well. You were praying specifically for this and we are grateful for God’s merciful intervention!

We GIVE THANKS to our LORD...

...for each one of you! You have all an important part in our lives and our ministry! We are so blessed by your faithful prayers, by your encouragement, by your great love and empathy, and last but not least by your financial sharing with us!

Yours in His service,

Hans–Georg & Margret

„Prayercorner”

Praise God for...

- God’s unconditional love for us
- ‘Travelling Together’ with you
- ‘Maria Magdalene’: her new life
- You – our faithful ‘team members’

Please pray for...

- Wisdom for the PIEU Team
- Safekeeping, strength for our travels
- Getting enough breaks
- Mother Ludwig: that she will find rest

What are you occupied with?

What would you like us to pray for?

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