

# TT – Travelling Together (129)

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

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**“For you alone know every human heart.” 1 Kings 8:39** – It is a pity that in recent times we have not been able to show much that could be called sincere (i.e. from the heart). We see before us how much we need sincerity in our lives. I can open my heart to others. I can discern what others have in their hearts or what they do from the heart. But there’s only ONE who knows our hearts through and through even if we have shut our hearts to everyone and everything. God knows what we need. **We are on God’s heart!** HE knows our longings, our hopes and our hurts. The intercessor, King Solomon, knew that people could deceive each other. How a person looks on the inside can’t always be known or seen by someone on the outside. We can’t grasp how that person comes to this or that way of behaving. It helps us to know this: God knows the heart of that person! And HE can influence it. The best thing we can do is to pray for that person. **Nothing is impossible with God!** HE can even bring great blessing out of evil human deeds. We are amazed at how ‘hopeless cases’ can end up on fire for the Lord Jesus. Such miracles are possible because God knows the hearts of **all the children of men, from all nations, tribes, people and languages**. HE can change and renew them!

## Margret’s check-up scan (25<sup>th</sup> May)...

Perhaps you saw this **special prayer request** (but with no details) in the **“Prayer Corner”** of our previous TT (128). At the beginning of the year, Margret had a scan where they discovered some suspicious lymph nodes in her abdomen, and so a follow up scan was arranged. **NO suspicious lymph nodes were found** – we were so relieved! **THANK YOU**, Lord Jesus! **THANK YOU** to all of you for praying with us!

## ... Wedding planning meeting – held in cyberspace

Recently we were given the challenge of helping to prepare for a wedding – via Skype (a first for us)! The original plan was to meet the **couple, A & J from S. Germany**, in person in their hometown (this was back in April). Now we will only meet them for the first time on the day before their actual wedding day in the **South Tyrol (in northern Italy)**. This unusual wedding will take place in an idyllic **mountain lodge on 8<sup>th</sup> August!** We’re very thankful that in spite of the strange circumstances we have got on well and built up trust. **Our concern** is that the preparations for this special day will work out well and in particular that the border with Italy will stay open!

## “GLOBALLY”: Pioneers Europe (PIEU)...

In PIEU there are now more than **thirty missionaries** from ten different European countries. They are spread throughout four continents and are mainly working with ethnic groups, which have not yet been reached with the Gospel. In PIEU, we have the ongoing responsibility of being **“Member Care Coordinator”**. At the moment, we have **eight new candidates** (three families and two single people) who are living in European countries and who will be sent outside Europe by their churches. Originally, they come from Australia, Kazakhstan, the United States, the Ukraine, Croatia and Germany. Their future work placements are as varied as their countries of origin: Japan, the Himalayas, the Balkans, and work among migrants... Our task is to support them during their **time of preparation** right up to their departure for the mission field. We are in frequent contact with them. We try to ‘stand alongside them’ with advice and practical help as they work through matters such as: “What are the next steps?”, “How can I build up a support network?” etc. We are also establishing links with their sending churches. All in all, it is **a really wide-ranging process**: individual, detailed and international. It requires a lot of patience, wisdom and perseverance. The last item is particularly applicable for our **long-term co-workers** in their various places of work. We had hoped to meet some of them in person and we’d made plans for them to come and visit us here. Now we have had to post-pone these face-to-face meetings and evaluation discussions to a later date. It seems that we now have **more responsibility than ever**. But even when these tasks seem **really challenging** we still find a lot of **joy and deep fulfilment** – we know we’re in the right place!

## “LOCALLY”...

We are getting frequent enquiries and requests for advice and counselling in our **immediate area** and from a bit **further afield**. This includes conflicts in marriage and relationships, life crises and spiritual questions. Often it is ‘just’ a matter of providing a sympathetic ear. There are always **unexpected things that crop up** besides our many planned counselling sessions. We still meet up regularly with our Iranian friends, **M & A, on a Friday evening** to eat together and have a good time sharing. This includes the **discipleship course** which often goes on till well after midnight. They regularly spoil us with their Iranian cuisine. They also provide us with a deep insight into their culture, their way of thinking and feeling and their fears, but also their great hopes. Together with them, our greatest **concern is that they will be granted asylum**. Sadly, some long-planned preaching engagements and church holidays are still being cancelled because of the Coronavirus. But we are now able to **meet up with our children and their families**, which we are enjoying all the more! We were finding it increasingly difficult not to be with our children and grandchildren, our brothers and sisters at church and our friends!

**Every crisis brings new opportunities – we’re hearing that a lot these days...**

**May we see these opportunities with God’s eyes and make the most of them – for HIS honour and for our good!**

**With grateful hearts, yours sincerely,**

**Hans-Georg & Margret**

## „Prayercorner”

### Praise God for...

- Being on God’s heart!
- Relief after Margret’s scan
- Many good relationships
- You – our faithful ‘team members’

### Please pray for...

- Wedding preparations: A & J
- Our areas of responsibility: PIEU
- Wisdom in counselling
- M & A to be granted asylum

**What are you occupied with?**

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

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