

# TT – Travelling Together (130)

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

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**The angel of the LORD... touched Elijah and said, “Get up and eat, else the journey will be too great for you!” (1 Kings 19:7)** – If your style is ‘fire and brimstone’, you can overlook your own needs and there’s a danger that you will face ‘burnout’. This is what happened to Elijah! Following an overwhelming victory there is a death threat... Elijah gets scared. His trust in God vanishes; he runs for his life and flees into the desert: “I have had enough – take my life!” From the high point of success, he goes into freefall, into a deep **life crisis**. This is a horrible picture of weakness! An angel touches Elijah: **no reproof**, no wise words of advice, but a soft **stirring**, an unobtrusive meeting that brings him to his senses. This gentle gesture from God’s messenger is full of respect in the face of brokenness, need and human suffering. Elijah is given **bread and water**: the soul is only restored when the body is provided for! Through His angel, God brings about something else: HE gives Elijah a **new perspective**, HE shows confidence in him: “Set off again!” Strengthened in body and soul Elijah walks 375 miles (600 km) through the desert to Mount Horeb (Sinai). **God meets him again**: not in the wind, the earthquake or the fire but in a **gentle whisper!** The summer holidays and our various places of retreat are before us: time to let go and enjoy the moment, so we can set off again, having been refreshed!

## “Birth of twins”

Remember **Klaus & Gaby**, the couple from southern Austria who made a firm decision for a **new life with the Lord Jesus** in Nov. 2018? Our joy was indescribable! And now: It has lasted and brought them joy, assurance and hope! **Thank you** for praying for them! Recently we have been in personal contact with them as we’d heard that Klaus had been in hospital for a while and was in a critical condition. Gabi wrote the following in response to our enquiry: “Thank you for your message. 15 years ago, Klaus had a **major operation (aneurism)**. At that time the doctors said that, if everything went well he could live another 10 years. He’s lived 5 years beyond that, for which we are really grateful. Now we are making the most of the time we have left together! Since your visit, Jesus has changed our lives and through our faith, we receive strength for what lies ahead. Thank you for your dedication and your prayers!”

## Member Care – the current situation...

Some of our Pioneers Europe co-workers find themselves in exceptional circumstances! **M. & I. have three children** and they have been faithfully active in church work in a difficult situation in the Balkans for many years. They’re in the process of moving to the state capital; now they’ve heard that M.’s father had died suddenly – what a shock for them! **L. & L. also have three children** and they produce radio programmes for North Africa. They are facing a whole series of illnesses affecting the auto-immune system. L.’s father has several malignant brain tumours and is now in a coma... In spite of the Coronavirus L. did the impossible and got a flight to see his father and to be near him at this difficult time. He has left his family behind and must now make arrangements for the care of his father. **L.-V. is single** and is staying with her parents in Spain, although she would much rather be with ‘her’ orphans in S. Asia who are so much on her heart. She writes, “In spite of online courses and many spiritual studies, it is hard for me to **stay motivated** and I am now trying to find my place in God’s plan during these exceptional times!” And there is our **older co-worker who is in a wheelchair**: she has been active for decades in the M\*sl\*m world and in spite of her physical limitations, she has been faithfully going about the work entrusted to her. For her final years of service, she is looking for a **new challenge! WOW!** She’s a huge encouragement to us! **S., single, is an enthusiastic teacher**; she has managed to get back to her homeland from an area in Africa that is caught up in a civil war. We hope we can meet her soon, but it won’t be in person. This is a small insight for you into the situations that we are helping with every day in our capacity as **Member Care Co-ordinators with PIEU**. We would be grateful if you could carry on praying with us for our co-workers, especially for **God to intervene** in their respective situations!

## Our wider family...

Recently we met **Annika and her husband David** to celebrate her passing her final exam following a two-year further training course in education. Soon they will have their first wedding anniversary and they are excited about what God has in store for them. Something else to celebrate: **Benjamin’s 40<sup>th</sup>!** He’s given an invitation to all the Hoprich family. He was a bit worried about the MRI scan of his lungs, something which all his diving colleagues have to undergo. All clear: they are all free to dive! Recently an Austrian TV company broadcast an exciting item about the risky business of diving in the Danube with Benjamin in action. If you’d like to watch it, please let us know (German). We’re very grateful that **Manuel** is finding his way back into work, one-step at a time. **Something else to give thanks for: Margret’s brother Christoph** is now able to move back into his flat, following a year, which included intensive care, hospital treatment and rehabilitation, with a lot of help from friends and relations! **Mother Ludwig** will soon have her **92<sup>nd</sup> birthday!** We would **love** to go and celebrate with her, but the strict Coronavirus regulations at her care home will not permit this at the moment.

**We thank our LORD that mercifully we are well! At the same time, we are painfully aware that there are many who are struggling because of Covid-19: sickness, financial difficulties, conflict in relationships... As God directs, we are actively getting involved in helping. We thank you all for ‘walking with us’ and for carrying us in prayer.**

With our love,

*Hans-Georg & Margret*

## „Prayercorner”

### Praise God for...

- Every meeting with God
- Breakthrough: Klaus & Gaby
- Our wheelchair-bound co-worker
- You – our faithful ‘team members’

### Please pray for...

- Co-workers in crisis situations
- God to intervene in their lives
- Children, grandchildren, Mother...
- Wedding: A. & J., 8<sup>th</sup> Aug. (S. Tyrol)

What are you occupied with?  
What would you like us to pray for?

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### On our 41<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary...

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