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

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“Seek the peace and prosperity of the city... Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” (Jeremiah 29:7) – In the original Hebrew the word **“SHALOM”** occurs three times; it doesn't just mean peace, but also welfare, wholeness and comprehensive wellbeing. “Seek the ‘Shalom’ of the city, for its ‘Shalom’ will be your ‘Shalom’”. This was originally said to the people of Israel who had been carried off into exile in Babylon. The people had hoped they would soon be back in their own country. They were bitterly disappointed! **“Seek”** – a decisive action, which sharpens and sensitises your awareness. We have a good look and discover things that we might otherwise have missed. To seek “the peace and prosperity of the city”, i.e. to seek **“the best”** for it, is a motivation to strive for something, even if we can't quite grasp it yet. For ‘the best’, we need an absolute standard of comparison: the Lord Jesus! **“Seek and pray!”**: action and also time spent with HIM! It combines human action and God's intervention for the good of the city and the wellbeing for all its citizens. **‘The best’** is seldom the norm or what people are used to. ‘The best’ is nearly always connected with change, which requires something from all of us. Committing yourself to this in the world and before God – this is what Jeremiah encouraged his people to do back then, and it's an encouragement for us in times such as these!

“Cup of Joy” – The Forum Project for our city of Eisenstadt the Capital of Burgenland!



During the past weeks, a succession of building works has been carried out and we're all so grateful and proud of the different **Forum Teams**. Tirelessly and full of enthusiasm they have devoted their time and energy to renovating and preparing the building which has 'listed status'. In order to restore it to its original condition, walls and ceilings have been painstakingly cleared of old plaster and brushed down, debris and rubbish have been removed and a **lot of dust has been hoovered up!** The Team Spirit being: “More dust – more glory!” There were many busy hands to help with tidying and cleaning. A small stage being constructed and furniture is being put in place. Sound & Computer

Systems are being installed. It's our aim first of all to have small-scale church services and to meet there during the week for prayer and fellowship. As planned, the **“Cup”** still has the long-term aim of being a **humanitarian project** and to be a platform through which people in our city can meet Jesus in a personal way. **As a Forum church, we continue to depend on your help. Please get in touch!** Also, **Hans-Georg's sermon** was live-streamed from the new premises on Sunday 18th Oct. (www.facebook.com/ForumEisenstadt/videos/750803635777279).



The recording of a burial service

Earlier in the year in the middle of ‘Lockdown’, we were asked to hold a burial service in a place not far from the Hungarian border. Since the funeral had to be held in the open air and only ten mourners were allowed to be at the graveside, the service was recorded for those who were not permitted to attend. This was a first in all the hundreds of funerals that we've held since 1998! If anyone wishes to watch the **recording of the funeral** (in German) and get an impression of one of our many different areas of ministry, we would be glad to send you the link.

The wedding in the mountains

Early in August we had the privilege of helping and performing the rather unusual wedding of J & A to be held in the Martelltal region in the mountains in the South Tyrol (northern Italy)... It was a beautiful summer's day and we felt it was a really joyful occasion (including a Gospel message). There were a lot of good conversations with the couple and their guests, on top of which we got to meet lots of people... **The Bible verse chosen by the couple for their wedding was Hebrews 10:24.** Our warmest THANKS to all of you who prayed for us at the time! As a result, **two more young couples, one from Carinthia and one from Upper Austria**, got in touch with us soon afterwards and



asked Hans-Georg to conduct their weddings next year. Our answer is as always: Yes, we'd love to but only after a **comprehensive marriage preparation course!** The couple from Carinthia are coming on **26th–27th October so we can meet them** and introduce the marriage course.

Also...
Please do feel free to advertise our ministry! New prayer partners are always warmly welcome! We send out news about our everyday lives (including photos) via social media (**WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn & Twitter**). These are more frequent than our monthly ‘TT’.

We are glad that in all our various areas of service we are ‘TT – Travelling Together’ with you and that, you are sharing in this wonderful blessing.

We are greatly encouraged by your enquiries, your prayers and your financial support!

Yours in His service, *Hans-Georg & Margret*

Prayercorner

Praise God for...

- God's SHALOM – even now
- Forum Teams at the “Cup”
- The vision for our city of Eisenstadt
- You: Our Mission Partners

Please pray for...

- L. & fam. for comfort after a suicide
- 25th Oct.: Preaching, Grace Church
- Manuel: a new purpose in life
- Wisdom in our ‘Member Care’ work

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

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