

TT – Travelling Together (134)

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

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“With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back.” (Jer 31:9 RSV)



People have experienced tears since ancient times. We do not need to learn how to cry, it just happens and we give way to our emotions. But we do make a choice as to whom we cry with or in front of. The message above was sent by God through Jeremiah, His prophet, it was for the desperate and oppressed people who had been carried off into exile in Babylon, having brought it on themselves. From a human standpoint, what God is doing is incomprehensible. But this is where HIS goodness is revealed. Whoever recognizes the mistakes in their life can come to –

weeping even – just like the people of Israel. And what does HE do? No, **HE does not give us a telling off!** We are **simply made welcome!** To be welcomed – regardless of how despairing, sad, despondent, or even really angry, we feel. And it comes with the promise of comfort and help. **Who would not want that?** It is in God’s heart and nature to receive us in this way. And then HE goes one–step further: HE wants to lead us in a new direction! There is no such thing as a life without tears. But this is not the whole truth: There is also no such thing as a life without comfort. God loves to comfort and to lead us! The only condition is that we should come to Him.

If any of our TT readers needs support in this process, please do get in touch with us!

The ministry across the globe knows no ‘Lockdown’!



Never before have we been so involved in the way God is at work in the lives of His co–workers worldwide. What a joy it is for us to be able to share our concerns with you... And there’s a lot of them! **We shall be honest:** In regard to our part in coping with the various challenges of our Member Care work, sometimes the task **seems quite daunting...** However, with your support – **thank you ever so much!** – we pick up the challenge afresh each day. It means so much to us that we are part of the Leadership Team of Pioneers Europe (PIEU), a team that is so committed, highly motivated, multinational, cheerful and prayerful! At the moment the **search is on for a capable successor** to the existing leader who has competently

built up our team. Many of the Pioneers Teams across the world are in **urgent need of reinforcements.** Jesus’s call to pray for more workers for the harvest is just as relevant today (Lk 10:2).

A small selection of the many concerns that are currently occupying us:

We are in touch regularly with L. in Spain. She would much rather be in the country in S. Asia where she is serving. Tragically, her 15–year old niece has recently taken her own life. The wider family is struggling with many unanswered questions... **L. & L. a couple in the eastern Mediterranean** region are producing radio broadcasts for North Africa. They are trying to find a balance between the challenging work, family life with three small children (at times with serious health concerns) and caring for a terminally ill father. In fact, they are in urgent need of taking some time out! **A co–worker from Holland** recently returned from North Africa on home assignment. She badly needs a break and the field supervisors need a lot of wisdom in sharing out and developing her work. **E., a candidate from Germany,** is in the ‘starting blocks’ for ministry in East Asia. She has been accepted at a Bible College out there and hopes to fly out soon. Recently we had two very valuable days with **S., a Swiss co–worker** and her parents in Salzburg. S. is a leader and teacher at a Christian college in an African country where there is a civil war. Up until now, we have only been able to meet her virtually. Now we had the chance of getting to know her in person, and we could spend quality–time, sharing and praying together, and in the process, we have gained a fascinating insight into her multi–faceted work. At the moment, we are much occupied by the tense situation in a **multi–cultural team in Central America.** In order to get a better understanding (of the background) we have invested many evenings in Skype and WhatsApp conversations with the individual team members; because of the time difference these have often gone on till way past midnight. Countless e–mails are also flying back and forth...

Family...

During the half–term break, Margret had the opportunity to spend a couple of hours nearly every day helping our **oldest grandchild Timo (13)** practise his English. It has been great fun for both of them and it has really helped improve Timo’s marks for his big tests at school...

Little **Miriam (5),** Sebastian & Annie’s daughter, loves coming to see Grandma & Grandpa. She is a bright, cheerful nursery school child and she really keeps us on our toes.

Recently Benjamin turned up unexpectedly on our doorstep with **Melinda (20 months).** What a lovely ‘ray of sunshine’!

We are so GRATEFUL...

In spite of the very strict current ‘Lockdown’, we are still close to you in the Lord Jesus.

Yours in His service,

Hans–Georg & Margret

„Prayercorner”

Praise God for...

- God’s ‘culture of welcome’ & comfort
- Safekeeping, enough strength & joy
- Our six healthy grandchildren
- You: Our Mission Partners

Please pray for...

- A new, suitable PIEU Team Leader
- More co–workers worldwide
- Our PIEU people: often under stress
- Eisenstadt Forum: much restricted

What are you occupied with?

What would you like us to pray for?

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