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„Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” Luke 6,36

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“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute!” Prov 31:8



What a challenge: to give up our need for self-protection and to speak out courageously! Very different from so many anonymous social media messages! In the German proverb “**Whoever speaks, shows his face**”, that person is addressing someone else and wishes to say something specific, and say it out loud! In this case, it is about people who are no longer in a position, physically or mentally, to speak for themselves. **If you are silent** when people can no longer speak for themselves and consequently suffer injustice, then it will **prevent them getting what they need**. Jesus, the Righteous One, left heaven and became a human being like us. HIS words give life. Through HIS life and death, He became our Advocate and Mediator in heaven. HE took on our weaknesses because we weren't in a position to act. With Jesus as

our example and the Bible that is full of good words and promises, we can ourselves become advocates for the weak and silent, to give them strength. **The Holy Spirit empowers us to speak out**. He shakes us out of our apathy and emboldens us, so we can actually open our mouths when the weak do not get justice. And He opens our eyes so we can see the weakness and needs of others.

Your contribution...

Right at the outset, we would like to say a specific **THANK YOU** to you for accompanying us on our journey! We are amazed at the way God always provides for us in all areas of our lives, in body, mind and soul! So many things may not have been as they now are in financial terms, in human terms, in regard to our strength, in terms of timing... But God works supernaturally through **your prayers**, through **your encouragement and giving** and so much more...

Our story

In this newsletter, you will find yet another chapter of our story – and we always rejoice to hear **your story** as well! We are in the middle of a situation which we don't really understand, because, from our perspective, it seems to be too complicated or just wrong, or perhaps some chapters are missing leading to the end of the story. As Christians, we have the advantage of knowing already how the story will conclude and that it will be a happy ending – whatever happens in the meantime! That is what gives us hope, confidence, and joy to share!

A new area of service with www.SIM.org...

There's something that we've been considering and planning for a long time – now, bit by bit it's becoming a reality: **SIM**, a partner mission that we've been working very closely with in Austria for the last twenty years, have asked us to join a newly established team for southern Africa, namely the countries of **Botswana, Madagascar** and **Mauritius**. Our task will be to get involved in the care of the missionary teams, and in mission motivation, not only in Europe, but also out there in the local churches. We are really delighted that we will be able to do this in close collaboration with Dr. Viktor & Rachel Fredlund who are a **very experienced retired missionary couple**. At the moment we are in the process of contacting the individual co-workers either out in the field or on home assignment. In fact, everything is still in the very early stages. It is exciting, and also rewarding because we will be able to use our wealth of experience and pass it on, together with the Fredlunds.

The Pioneers Europe (PIEU) Team...

...can rejoice, as they will have reinforcements in various areas of ministry! We have the prospect of four new co-workers, who are working towards joining us, God willing. Each one has a lot of practical missionary experience to offer, which will help to a real lightening of the load for our existing team. Together with our team colleagues, we are preparing for the **2nd Candidates Orientation Week (31st May–5th June)**. The first one was two years ago in Holland. Sadly, we can only run the course via ZOOM for the candidates (ten at present). It will take a lot of technical effort and thorough preparation for the various modules – and much, much prayer! The topics, which Hans-Georg is preparing in the meantime, are “**Passion for God**”, “**Spiritual Warfare**” and “**Staying Healthy While Serving**”. The life of the **Prophet Elijah** is being used as an example (1 Kings 17–19). Also, we will be giving tips for preparing for going out to the mission field. Margret is helping out in various lectures held by the other co-workers by giving practical examples and sharing our experiences. She is also assisting with the morning worship times.

Family News...

“Grandma, Grandpa, can I come and see you again?” For some time now Thursday afternoons have been our ‘grandchildren time’. In the meantime, **Miriam (6)** has really got into the habit of coming to us. Her Dad **Sebastian** has successfully bred hens, turkeys, geese, quail and ducks as a hobby. His garden has become a favourite meeting place for the wider family. **Timo (13)** has the opportunity with Grandma to practice his English for his school-tests. These are **really special times!**

Many THANKS...

...for every affirming and encouraging reply to our newsletters!

Our wish is that HIS wisdom will fill your lives and your relationships with peace, sincerity and much fruit.

Yours, Hans-Georg & Margret

Prayercorner

Praise God for...

- Jesus: Our Example and Advocate
- New co-workers for PIEU in sight
- Precious time with grandchildren
- YOU: Our Mission Team

Please pray for...

- Our new tasks with SIM, settling in
- Successful PIEU Candidates Course
- Preparing talks & worship times
- God's help: counselling sessions

What are you occupied with?

What would you like us to pray for?

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