

# TT – Travelling Together (144)

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

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**“You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.”**

**Haggai 1:6** – The people of Israel have returned from captivity and have been given the task of rebuilding the Temple. But external opposition becomes too strong for them, and courage and trust disappear: So they put the work on hold. They are living in lovely panelled houses

whilst the House of God lies in ruins! There is no place where they can meet God - no place where God's forgiveness can be promised, when they have a heavy conscience – no place where God's commandments can be taught or where they can come together to bring the needs of the people before God in prayer. **The essential thing is missing!** Without God it is all meaningless: the lovely home, the good job, the full bank account - it's not everything in life. We need the 'temple', the Christian church with its **church services to be readily available** for us forgetful, anxious, godless, self-absorbed people. Only the Lord Jesus can grant us a fresh, **living relationship with God**. It costs nothing, but it might cost you everything! You can only receive it when you come with your shortcomings, your hunger, thirst, coldness, and your needs – In fact your whole life – and reconnect with the river of life that comes from Jesus!



## Papua New Guinea (PNG, 1985–96): Cletus Patewana

Cletus is a journalist, a PNG national that we met during our visit to New Britain in 2018. He belongs to the Mengen tribe. He is a **church leader in Sovula**, one of the many new churches that have come into being on the fringes of the huge oil palm plantations. To our great surprise, he wrote to us via FaceBook: “I can hardly believe how easily we can communicate now and exchange family photos. We are still taking good care of the pictures of your big family, which you gave us back then. What is the news from the Kol and Mengen tribal areas? **God is doing great things!** The churches are constantly growing. **New churches are**

**springing up everywhere.** Roads are being built, right into the furthest corners of the jungle, so that logs can be transported. Only recently, we could hardly imagine this! My relatives in the Kol region can now visit us more often. In the many villages where there are SSEC Churches (South Sea Evangelical Church) the **local schools are also being looked after by the Church.** It is really important to us to make Jesus known to our children. May God bless you!” By the way, 16<sup>th</sup> September was the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PNG's independence...



## A very special encounter...

We hadn't heard from one another for many years – but we'd never been forgotten. In the middle of our monthly PIEU Zoom meeting, we had a WhatsApp call from an unrecognized number, which we cancelled. Afterwards we found out by text that it was from Monika, an old friend. At the age of 80 she had sold her house and she wished to give a tithe of the proceeds to **DMG to support the sending out of new workers** and she also wanted to give us a donation... She told us about having cancer of the spinal column and God's safekeeping in the midst of it... On our re-

turn from PNG in 1996 she gave us a colourful **set of crockery** that we are still using today, and it always reminds us of her... She says, **“Throughout my whole life God has been so good to me, and I am eternally grateful. HE has given me so much and I wish to give something back!”**

## Member Care, Pioneers Europe (PIEU)

We have only just heard that the father of **one of our co-worker families** in Italy has **tested positive for Covid**. The sad thing is that their four children have only just gone back to school and settled into their classes. They now have to isolate for the next few weeks. We are praying for **protection for our co-workers worldwide!**

## Various engagements – please think of us...

**Hans-Georg** has some more **preaching engagements** on his schedule – just as he has done for the past few Sundays: **19<sup>th</sup> Sept.:** Grace Church, Vienna. **26<sup>th</sup> Sept.:** **Baptist Church in Wiener Neustadt** (the first in a long time). It is encouraging that this church is starting to have **regular services** again after a number of setbacks! We could not remember the last time **Margret was the speaker at a ladies' breakfast...** She has been invited to **Wels (Upper Austria) on 9<sup>th</sup> Oct.** – her topic will be **“Bringing heaven into our daily lives”**.

Once again, we would like to say how grateful we are that you make it possible for us to carry on being here, enabling us to be involved in building the Kingdom of God worldwide.

With loving greetings, *Hans-Georg & Margret*

## Prayercorner

### Praise God for...

- Encouraging news from PNG
- Renewed contact: Monika
- Strength, joy, blessing: Our ministry
- You: Our Mission Team

### Please pray for...

- New impetus: in-person services
- Protection & healing: Covid
- Preaching, Ladies' Breakfast
- Healing & help for Manuel (34)

### What are you occupied with?

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

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