

# TT – Travelling Together (145)

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

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**“Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works.”** (Hebr. 10:24 NKJV) – In the everyday speech of the Greeks the word translated here as ‘consider’ indicated the work of a spy. Observing even the smallest details. This kind of sharp eyesight is a positive thing in this context – it is about attentive perception, about feeling for the situation in life of other people. It is not about watching in suspicion! Not about checking up on people! So much is covered by the

word **‘consider’**: paying attention, recognising, perceiving, caring, honouring, appreciating, being considerate... **This is such a great challenge to “us”!** “We” can be on a small scale – just two people. Or it could be a family, a street, a village, a town, a region, a state, a country, a continent or the world. This sums up so succinctly how people recognised the followers of Jesus 2000 years ago. **What are you living for? What gives your life meaning? What spurs you on?** Fear of futility and death is limited by the ONE who has put a limit on death: **JESUS! HE** promises a new heaven and a new earth. Until then we have the time to ‘stir up’ one another to love and good works. It is not this that gets us into heaven, but it is a piece of heaven on earth. **A life spent like this is worthwhile – and beautiful!**

**A review of the Ladies’ Breakfast meeting: “Bringing heaven into our everyday lives”**



At last, an event where people meet in person – we have waited so long! It is such a joy to be able to meet up again. That is what it was like for us when we went to Buchkirchen (near Wels in Upper Austria). For those attending it must have felt like a new beginning. In spite of Covid measures nearly 130 very attentive ladies and even a few men, had taken up the invitation... There was a real feeling of expectation! After everything that has affected the human race during the past year and a half, we had to **completely revise the talk and how it would be presented.** The cool thing was that we were able to get the updated version finished

in time, complete with an accompanying PowerPoint Presentation. We worked together, passing things back and forth between us, well into the night. Hunched over the keyboard and barely awake, Hans–Georg patiently kept going as he typed up the script for the talk. We are so grateful that we have each other and we can support each other! It was 42 years ago that we set off together as a team... **Margret had great joy** in making Jesus known to the ladies... and because she was speaking about heaven, she also dared to say something about hell. There are these two dimensions. And we can make the decision, here and now, where we will spend eternity. We had Pocket Bibles to give out – they disappeared ‘like hot cakes’! The various contributions, the **testimony of Timna** (our **former colleague** from the **BEG Foreign Missions Team, TAM**), the music, the technical side of things – everything worked together really well. **Your prayers** were like an invisible wall around the Breakfast Meeting. **THANK YOU so much** for thinking of us! **We were really encouraged!** It was such an opportunity to invite people to come to Jesus!

**PIONEERS Europe Team (PIEU) Retreat (18<sup>th</sup>–22<sup>nd</sup> Oct.) & Handing over Member Care...**



After the long months of Covid and the countless meetings on Zoom the whole team met in person once again and we rejoiced together. On 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. we set off together

with our colleagues from Hungary, Jeannot & Julianna, travelling to south Germany and spent a week with the other co-workers in our **international partner organisation**. What a mixed group we were: Netherlands, the Czech Republic, Switzerland, the US, Madagascar / Hungary, Germany & Austria! We were so encouraged to discover that Jim & Olya from the US as well as Simone from Switzerland are **ready to engage in Member Care**. We have already been starting the process of handing over to this younger generation of team-colleagues. In this way, we shall be **officially finishing our involvement with PIEU.**

**Seminar: ‘Arranging funerals and supporting those who are grieving’ (6<sup>th</sup> Nov.)**



Previously we have held this **seminar / workshop** in every state in Austria, in a range of different church settings. Out of the blue, we have had another invitation: this time it was to go to a new Free Church in **Hartberg in eastern Styria**. We are meeting at the local state school. Ahead of the seminar we are asking those wishing to attend to do some ‘homework’, e.g. to attend a funeral and evaluate it, also to attempt to put together their life story as they would wish

it to be presented at their own funeral. **We are praying for motivated participants** who wish to look into this sensitive subject in more depth. On the Sunday (7<sup>th</sup> Nov.) Hans–Georg will elaborate on **this topic in his sermon.**

**THANK YOU for standing with us** and for all your practical support. We are sensing more than ever the way you ‘carry’ us in intercession! **We do rejoice when we can share in your lives as well!** **May God be with you and may HE encourage and bless you abundantly.**

Yours in HIS service, *Hans–Georg & Margret*

## ‘Prayercorner’

**Praise God for...**

- Being spurred on by God’s Word
- Openness & interest: Ladies’ B’fast
- Successors in PIEU Member Care
- You: Our Mission Team

**Please pray for...**

- Challenge: to ‘consider’ others
- Lasting results: Ladies’ B’fast
- Process of handing over MC
- Seminar, sermon in Hartberg, Styria

**What are you occupied with?**

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

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