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

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“May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.” (2 Thess 3:5 KJB) Our boat is sailing into increasingly choppy waters. We are tossed to and fro by reports, opinions and events. Instead of sailing with a clear view ahead, we are often enveloped in fog. What am I holding on to? What gives my life direction? A ship with a **magnetic compass** will only go in the right direction for a while. The ship will produce its own magnetic field, which is why it will

always need to be re-adjusted. In the technological world, there is a **“calibrator”**. All equipment is **“calibrated”** using comparative measurements. The item to be calibrated here is our **heart**, our human **‘control centre’**. This is where decisions are made about which direction I’m going in or what I’m doing. This is why we should ask God to **re-adjust** our way of thinking, feeling and our will. It doesn’t matter how much we’ve lost our way, or whether we’re in the autumn or the springtime of our life – we don’t carry out the **‘re-adjustment’** – it is done for us – by God Himself! The two **fixed points** mentioned in this verse, being directed into the **love of God** and into the **patient waiting** for Jesus’s return) will keep our faith and our hope awake: **“LORD, keep me on course**, so I don’t drift away from you, but stay with YOU – for time and eternity!”

Transition at Pioneers Europe (PIEU)...

It’s such a blessing when a much-loved task can be passed on to younger people. This is a great gift from God! It often happens that a promising project grinds to a halt, simply because there is no one to take it on. However, we are experiencing once again how God is sending motivated and very experienced co-workers who are willing to take on



our responsibilities. In 1996 as we left PNG, a team of young PNG nationals stepped forward to take on the leadership of our **Bialla Church District** on the north coast of New Britain. Also, the outreach to the jungle tribes (**Kol, Mengem & Mamusi**) has continued to this day. When we visited

PNG three years ago we were utterly amazed by this. The involvement of our **New Guinea brothers and sisters** in **World Mission** is also very much alive! In 2018 when we stepped down from our leadership at the **Forum Church**



and in the Foreign Missions Team (TAM), the right people were there to take over from us. We are so grateful to those who have taken on much of our work, e.g. with www.hilfedieankommt.at, using the structures that have been established over the years. Now the opportunity has arisen once again for us to ‘hand over the reins’. At the PIEU Team Retreat, we were able for the first time to meet

in person the people who are taking over from us in looking after our co-workers, and have a time of sharing with them. **Jim & Olya** come with a lot of experience and are highly motivated. It is possible that a third person (a lady) will join the Member Care Team. It seems to us that **now would be the time** for us again to gladly hand over this responsibility. During the past year, we have been able to put in writing the basic conditions for Member Care. Now that the foundations are in place, our successors can build on them. So once again, we are in the **process of handing things over**. We have **never found THAT easy**, as it concerns relationships that have grown over the years. They will always have **a place in our hearts**. Now we are asking if there is **a new challenge out there waiting for us...?**

Further possibilities...

In our immediate circle and generally here in Austria, we see a number of tasks that we’d love to take on – as long as we still have the strength to do them... **“It would be enough** just to have the time for people who wish to talk to us” – that’s what we have said to each other a number of times recently. And of course, the **challenges of world mission** are still very much on our hearts. To be involved in that would be a great joy to us! **It means so much to us** to stand



alongside co-workers throughout the world. They are often struggling ‘on the front line’ in countries where the number of those who know the Lord Jesus is well below 1%.

Recently a colleague wrote to us...

He is working in a region in Africa that is being fought over by rebels. He said, “Tragically during the fighting a number of young Christians were murdered. This has made us very

sad. In spite of that, we know that they are now with Jesus! The really **great tragedy** concerns those who lost their lives in the fighting who have never heard the Gospel! **Where are they now?** In hell? That is the real tragedy, **heart-breaking!** That’s why we’re here, making every effort to make Jesus know to those who have never heard about HIM and to bring the Good News to people before it’s too late. Someone once said, “The Gospel is only ‘Good News’ if it comes at the right time!” Together with you we are asking the LORD for **many more co-workers!**”

We are very aware that so much that has been accomplished has been in answer to your prayers! THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts!

We also give THANKS that we are able to share all this with you today!

Yours in HIS service, Hans-Georg & Margret

Prayercorner

Praise God for...

- God’s ‘re-adjustment’
- Three fulfilling years with PIEU
- Capable successors every handover
- You: Our Mission Team

Please pray for...

- Jim & Olya: Our successors at PIEU
- God’s guidance: A new ministry?
- More co-workers: God’s harvest field
- Those in our family with Covid

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

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