

TT – Travelling Together (147)

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

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“Shout and be glad, O Daughter of Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you,” declares the LORD.’ (Zech 2:10) - When was the last time that you **really rejoiced**, from the depths of your heart? A long time ago? Just recently? Or was it, “I can’t really remember”? Rejoicing? Being glad? In times like these? Why not! But for what reason? God is coming and He will live among us! Can I, do I, want to agree to share my living space with someone else? Wouldn’t that disrupt my life? Do I even have enough space and freedom? “Daughter of Zion”: the inhabitants of Jerusalem have returned from captivity in Babylon. Their hometown lies in

ruins. The people are without strength or courage. God’s message comes into their situation: “**I want to live among you!**” He is saying, “To me it’s not about a beautiful city or a restored temple. It is about you, the people. I want to strengthen you and give you courage!” **This applies to us as well!** HE allows His Son **Jesus** to become a human being. HE **lives among us**. HE seeks to gain our trust. HE comes into our everyday lives, with all our cares, worries and problems, to strengthen us. HE binds up the broken-hearted. In situations where there is no reason to rejoice! **I’d love to be part of this shared household!** Let us open up our hearts to HIM! “**Fling wide the gates!**” (Ps 24:7)

On the subject of ‘living space’...

In the middle of moving to their new home **Annika and our son-in-law David** have acquired a doggy ‘friend’ Leni. They are staying with us temporarily, and we are in a ‘shared household’ with them until they can move into their renovated terraced house with its small garden. We are enjoying being with our young people. In the meantime, Annika is settling in well in her new job in the office of a construction firm. David is employed with the border security force. In the future they will be close neighbours with our son **David & Claudia** and their children **Timo (14)** and **Lina (11)** just outside Eisenstadt. David has been working with the Burgenland Water Authority for



a number of years. Claudia is a registrar and works for the local authority. Timo, currently at secondary school, would



like to improve his English. Recently his wish has been to meet up with **Grandma Margret** more often to practice his conversational skills. Because of the lockdown here, Lina has been almost exclusively occupied with home-schooling in recent weeks. Recently we had a day out with **Lenny (12), Sammy (8) & Melinda (2½)**, the children of **Benjamin** (our oldest son) and **Maria**. We went to Forchtenstein Castle. It was one of the last opportunities this year to have a full **guided tour**. At 10am, we were surprised to find we were the only visitors. **As a family, we had the tour guide to ourselves** and the children were free to ask lots of questions about the long history of the castle. Afterwards we visited a reptile zoo nearby,

and gazed in wonder at lizards, spiders, snakes and other creatures. We finished this special ‘**grandchildren day**’ by going on a walk up to **Rosalienkapelle**, a chapel with the loveliest viewing point in north Burgenland.

Our six grandchildren are SUCH a blessing to us!

Annie, our Peruvian daughter-in-law, has now achieved her qualification in social education and has found a place as an **integration support assistant** in a school near Lake Neusiedl. **Sebastian** is currently looking for a new job in which he can work round his time-consuming secondary occupation. In the meantime, the stock of birds in his large garden has grown: new geese, ducks, guinea fowl, peacocks, turkeys, quail and laying hens all run around together. His most recent acquisition is an ornamental parakeet living in the birdcage. Two of the geese have adopted little **Miriam (6)** as their ‘Mummy’. When they hatched in the incubator, Miriam’s was the first voice that they heard. Since then they have become formally attached to her 😊. On Thursday afternoons, we meet Miriam from school and take her to the **Free Church R.E.**



lessons. Afterwards she spends the rest of the day with us and together we enjoy doing homework, singing, cooking, talking and playing games...

Manuel (34) lives a very secluded life in his flat, but he is looking after himself. **Please pray for him – thank you!** We wanted to use this special TT to give you an up-to-date **insight into our extended family**.

Of course...

...we are still very much involved in **Member Care worldwide**. Perhaps it is something to do with our age, that we get a lot of requests for **marriage counselling** and from people **caught up in the occult**. But it still surprises us and at times, we are overwhelmed by the needs around us!

At the end of the year, we look back with deepest THANKS – for so many acts of kindness and for your prayerful interest and faithful support. It is a huge privilege for us to have you in our team! From our hearts, we hope you had a happy Christmas celebration and wish you many blessings for the New Year!

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

‘Prayercorner’

Praise God for...

- God wanting to live among us
- Children & grandchildren
- Strength, safekeeping, joy in 2021
- You: Our Mission Team

Please pray for...

- Our grandkids: Challenges at school
- Suitable work for Sebastian
- Co-workers in difficult situations
- Counsel.: Marriages / those in occult

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

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