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TT – 'Travelling Together' (94)

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you." (Ezekiel 36:26)

Dear Friends,

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Our Bible verse for June challenges us to make a clear and conscious decision: **"We must obey God rather than men!" (Acts 5:29)** – From an early age we were brought up to listen and to obey: Our parents, our teachers, our 'elders and betters'... **Obedience has a high value!** But why isn't it just children who rebel against it? Is it through laziness, apathy, selfishness, because of the foolishness of what is being required or out of other interests..? Who do I listen to? In spite of the official ban on speaking out, the Apostles continued to preach joyfully. Before the High Council Peter declared, "We must obey God rather than men!" Obeying God today means: listening to Him, accepting His Word and living accordingly. Sometimes we find this difficult – especially in situations where we have other plans or people expect something completely different from us. However: listening to God will bring us blessing in the end. Through it we gain life that endures. We wish to hear God's voice clearly – especially at crucial moments in our lives – and to follow what He says.

We've only just got back...

...from a fascinating holiday in Andalusia, and we keep thinking of our **day trip from Tarifa in Spain to Tangier in Morocco**. Our tour guide Mohammed, who spoke excellent German, indicated right at the start that **Ramadan, the month of fasting**, had begun. We could only imagine what a difference this month of fasting can make in the everyday lives of the inhabitants of Tangier. When we arrived, the place appeared to be deserted – although it was a normal working day. It was only much later on that the narrow streets and bazaars came to life. The fasting and the heat were having their effect: Mohammed came increasingly exhausted and by the end of the tour he could barely keep going... During our time in Spain we stayed with missionary friends. **(Many thanks to you, Alfonso & Uli! God bless you!)** We had an interesting time meeting our two DMG colleagues and their families who are doing valuable missionary work in Spain and Andalusia. On the Sunday we also got to know various Christian fellowships in La Linea and Gibraltar. **What a lovely diversity – it made our holiday so refreshing!**

Family News

Benjamin, our oldest son, had an accident at work in which his left thumb was badly injured, severing the tendon. He has had an operation but the healing process isn't going smoothly. Thank you for praying with us! **Sebastian** is grateful for his new job as a joiner. In his spare time he and Annie enjoy gardening... **David** has planned and built with great skill a large terrace behind his house – now they can't wait for the summer... **Manuel** is often away installing solar power units here and abroad. **Annika** has become very active in sport and recently won the Under 23s 7.5 km road race! In her work with the children at church she is often challenged by the questions they come up with, e.g. "What does heaven look like? Do tell us!"

Dates in June to remember

2nd–5th Jun.: During the Whit weekend we will be taking part in the church holiday of one of our BEG Fellowships at Mittersill in the Salzburg region. Hans-Georg is responsible for the **daily inspirational Bible studies**. The church has chosen the theme "Inspired by Jesus? On fire for Him?"

9th Jun.: Margret is the speaker at a ladies' meeting at Mödling near Vienna. Her topic: **"What can my faith withstand?"**

10th Jun.: Hans-Georg is taking the **intercultural wedding service** of two young people from our church. This is the couple that we've been taking through a marriage preparation course over the past few months – in two languages. The Bridegroom comes from a Mus.lim background, but he now acknowledges the Lord Jesus. Some of his migrant friends will be at the service, and perhaps they will hear about the love of Jesus for the first time.

11th Jun.: We will take part in the **valedictory service for our Austrian missionaries** going out to Tanzania in Traun

18th Jun.: Preaching at the international church in Vienna

24th Jun.: We've been invited to a wedding: one of our missionaries is marrying her fiancé from Peru. We are looking forward to this and to meeting many of our missionary friends.

27th–29th Jun.: **Important meeting with DMG and our partner mission 'Pioneers'** at Buchenauerhof (DMG HQ in S. Germany). 'Pioneers' is seeking ways to be more active in missionary work in Germany and Europe in general. We have been asked to take part in the consultations.

We wish to thank you warmly for your faithful support, for carrying us in prayer, for your concern for us, for your interest in our work and our life here.

We send you our greetings from Eisenstadt in the beautiful county of Burgenland.

May God bless you in all you're involved in at the moment – in your everyday lives, in your challenges and in your special days!

Yours in His service,



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