

AUSTRIA

for Jesus

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Serving the LORD is a privilege!

Dear Team,

Thank you for praying for the twenty-three year old man who has been battling a drug addiction. His mother started coming to the Friday night Home Fellowship not too long ago and told me of her love and concern for her son. I was moved with compassion for him. (Remember, I asked many of you to pray for him when I was in San Diego?)

I had been asking God to give me the right words to share with him and met with him earlier in the month. I was so encouraged by our conversation that I want to share it with you. We met at Starbucks where Daniel, my oldest son, works. After ordering a couple of drinks, we settled back into our chairs and started getting to know each other. There was the general small talk, and then it was down to business. I shared how at one time, I lacked direction and purpose in my life and found that I was really at a loss as to what to do with my life.

He perked up a little and said, “Yea, that is kinda where I’m at.”

I went on to tell him how I experimented with most everything in life trying to fill an empty spot inside... a need to belong and be loved.

Again he said, “Yeah, that’s me.”

I told him of my search for answers, and he said, “That is what I am looking for.”

Then I mentioned that on one particular day, at one specific moment I found “IT.”

He nearly jumped out of his seat and asked, “Well, what is it?”

I said, “I’ll tell you in a minute, I’m still telling my story.”

By the look on his face I knew God had hooked his attention and was about to offer him the chance of a lifetime. I had just finished writing the “Who is God” article in the new BOBLF.ORG web site and thought I would let Marcus be the very first person to read it.



**the young and old
- me**

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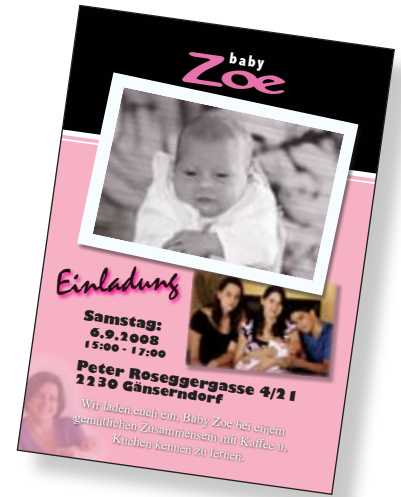
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I placed the article in front of him and asked him to take his time and read it. I went to refill our drinks, and after some time of silence he looked up and said that the article was very good. He said he understood everything. Without hesitation, I asked him, "If you could start your life all over again clean and forgiven, would you want to?" "Well..." he said with a long drawn out hesitation. I knew immediately that he wasn't ready... yet. So I told him to keep the article close by, and if he should ever want to take God up on the offer of a new start, it was always available.

God is clearly working in Marcus' life and wants to deliver him from an empty life. Please continue praying for his salvation.



first baby shower for the daughter of one of the ladies in our Friday night Fellowship

REQUESTS

PRAYER

- God would bring us more broken lives
- opportunities to share the GOOD NEWS
- Austrian Christians would devote themselves to prayer and Bible study
- that Monika and I would be led by the Holy Spirit in all that we do
- our children stay close to the LORD and experience His grace in their lives



Church of St. Francis of Assisi on the Danube - Vienna

PSALM 104:1

*Praise the LORD, I tell myself;
Oh LORD my God, how great you are!*

Be thankful for the churches you attend; Praise the Lord for the men and women who encourage you in the LORD; thank God and pray for those who God has placed over you to lead and help you grow.

Often Monika and I are alone, but not forsaken by God. *Such are the lives of missionaries.*