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*Merry Christmas*  
THE PANTON FAMILY



Dear TEAM,

Monika and I are so thankful to have friends like you, and pray that your Christmas will be a treasured celebration. Just think... God became visible so that we could really know HIM. We long to be back in California with you and are hoping to visit this summer. We really miss our children and look forward to being all together again.

Monika is winning the love and affection of her little first and second grade students. It has been a very frustrating school year, because she is being re-evaluated as a teacher, supposedly for a higher pay grade. She was given an additional two hours of work which gave her full time status. She now works more hours and is receiving 200 Euros less a month than last year. (I guess Austrian math is calculated differently.) Do you remember the title of my first newsletter? "Nothing is easy in Austria!" Not much has changed. She still gives her heart to the children, and they love her.

I am so proud of the SBUX guys. These are young men doing all the right things by diligently seeking God in everything they do, digging deep into God's Word believing HE will speak and guide their steps, and always reaching out to help everyone they meet. They are some real heros in my book. According to Danny, Nathan Brewer is the organizer, Grant Knight is the teacher, and Danny is the evangelist. More than once they have told me of their need for each other and how God has put them together as a team to reach Austria. There are a couple other guys that are mostly in the background quietly serving. Ken Meyers is always around and will do anything that needs to be done. Finally, there is Zack who came to Austria as a soccer missionary. He recently started a second SBUX FELLOWSHIP study at a new location. He will be returning to the USA this summer and will be greatly missed.



These young men are reaching out in a number of other ways, too. They go into neighborhoods and organize youth soccer tournaments, have been several times to Monika's school working with the children in English, and go to Universities to talk with students about Jesus. The photos on the following page show them at a soccer outreach.

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***And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee... Genesis 12:3***

After a number of glitches and delays, the SBUX video is running and the cards are printed. Nate, Grant, Zach and Daniel are praying their way forward, and I want to invite all of BOLBF to join them. God has been opening some very special doors and with that comes a battle.



Nate getting things started at a Soccer Outreach



getting down to business

1. Nate and Grant are in need of Visas (not credit cards) to stay legally in Vienna
2. They along with Danny are looking for affordable housing together
3. Nate and Grant are in need of financial support
4. We need to pray for God's wisdom and direction for these young men
5. For their safety (Nate was beaten up by a drunk guy several weeks ago)
6. That God will inspire the young people to reach out to others

## SBUX STORY

A few weeks ago I called Nate to see how the SBUX study went. He said "Good", but there was a pause in his answer.

Then he told me that two Starbucks employees came upstairs, and fearing the worse I interrupted and asked, "Did they escort you out?"

"No, they came over to our table with a tray full of coffee and pastries and thanked us for coming the past two years," he exclaimed.

The the employees looked around and noticed another table full of young people, so they went downstairs, refilled the trays and served the other table as well. Then they realized there was yet a third table. What are your thoughts? Could this have ever happened in a politically correct America? This store is thankful to be experiencing the blessings of God... *I will bless those who bless you...*



Grant sharing with the boys

## Panton Prayer Requests

- God's direction for our lives
- summer flights to California
- computer to get fixed
- pay increase for Monika
- good health for us both
- strength and encouragement for Danny