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“Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring [it] to pass.”

- Psalm 37:5

Dear Team,

God did it again! He just continues bringing people to us with open hearts. Recently, Monika and I went over to Hamid’s house (our Iranian friend who is a pharmacist) to pick up some medicine. A young Iranian couple was visiting them when we arrived, and Hamid asked us to stay for dinner. During the evening we talked about “life” in general. I told my jokes, Monika groaned, and we ate until we were stuffed. It was a typical evening of people sharing, learning about our different cultures and appreciating one another. When it was time to leave, the young couple offered to drive us to our car, and on the way I was able to share about Christ. It was short and direct. The couple dropped us off and said that, while their flat (apartment) is small, their hearts are big and open to us. They are eager to meet again and learn more about us.

And he said, Blessed [be] the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I [being] in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master’s brethren. Gen 24:27

It is so important to “BE IN THE WAY” for the LORD to lead us! Abraham’s servant was on a mission. He was prayerful, believing, expecting, deliberate, focused and successful. God has called each of us to be a witness where we live and to testify of the grace we have received from God through Jesus Christ. Be sober minded, awake and watching, and always ready to give an answer to everyone who asks about your hope. Your lives will be so rich and full!

This next Tuesday will be the start of a new Bible study. It will be a full house as we start the Gospel of John. Please be praying that the Holy Spirit moves in our hearts with power and transforms us into witnesses of HIS love. This is the start of a new year with new opportunities!

Monika resigned from the Vienna Christian School Board and is excited about the new things God has in store for her. It was a great learning experience, and she was able to see God work in special ways. We are praying that the VCS school officials will seek God’s wisdom and direction through this difficult trial.

winters are different in Austria

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AMBASSADORS for CHRIST

Jerry Jacoby and his wife know the meaning of being ambassadors for Christ. They were gentle, kind, humble and loving to the children and staff of the Austrian public school.

Did I mention funny? They had the children laughing and dancing during the two performances. While they never mentioned Jesus during the performance, they earned the respect and opportunity to return and continue building a relationship with the schools of Austria. It's through trusted relationships that they will eventually win the opportunity to share what God has done in their lives with the teachers and students. They were wise to share God's love to first open people's hearts.



Monika and I want to thank you for your prayers and financial support. We are so excited because of the people God is bringing for us to help. Each is unique and special to us, and we look forward to the work God will do in their lives. Thank you for joining us in making a difference in the lives of the Austrian people.

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PRAYER REQUESTS



Jerry and Michala Jacoby sharing God's love at Monika's school

- **airline tickets for David and Anne to visit us**
(if anyone would like to help with tickets, please email me)
- **a location for new Bible studies in Vienna**
- **direction for ministry this year**
- **need a worship leader**
- **video equipment for youth ministry**
- **direction for Monika's teaching**
- **leadership class - raise up more leaders**
- **refreshing for Danny... (return to first love)**
- **God's encouragement for Robert & Monika**
- **encouragement and wisdom for David & Anne**
- **growth for people in our fellowship**
- **salvation - Roland, Andrea, Feri, Zsuzsa, Rupert, Ilse, Werner, Marcus, Marwan** (Roland asked for more counseling, Andrea opened her home for Bible study)