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YOU'VE READ THE BAD NEWS, HERE'S SOME GOOD NEWS!

Dear TEAM,

Have you ever seen God do a miracle? Do you know how exciting it is? You just run in circles for awhile, call everyone you know and tell the story over and over again. Trudy, a lady in our Bible study, has encountered such a miracle. As you may know, we have been praying for her son for many months. Marcus had just kicked a terrible drug habit when I first met him. We got together over several months at Starbucks and talked about his life and God. He improved in many ways. After hearing the Gospel explained in many ways, I asked him, "Now that you know how much God really loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life, what is the one thing keeping you from asking Jesus into your heart?" He said that for the first time, he had some control over his life and wasn't willing to "let go" for anybody. I reminded him of something Jesus said, "Apart from me, you can do nothing." I think that was the last thing I said to him. He no longer wanted to meet, and I felt that he needed to live his life and be his own boss. Trudy told us from time to time how Marcus was getting worse. We continued praying and let the Lord work. (Keeping our hands off God's work is not easy sometimes; I like to help Him out.) A few weeks ago, Trudy came crying to us that Marcus had started doing drugs again and was cutting himself. (Then of course he would go visit his mother and torment her with his behavior.) Again and again we encouraged her with God's word and prayed for Marcus.



David is home for the summer



Anne arriving in Vienna, Austria

Yesterday, Trudy called with an amazing story. Marcus had cut himself and gone to the hospital, where the doctors said he would have died had he not come in when he did. This time when he called his mother and wanted to meet, she said no. Not knowing what to do or where to go, Marcus got off the U-bahn (subway) in an area known for its drug users, prostitutes, and bums. As he was hanging out, a dirty homeless man came running up to him trying to speak with him. He was a foreigner and could speak neither German nor English. Before Marcus knew it, the man put a Bible in front of him and was desperately trying to communicate for Marcus to stop destroying his life. The stranger showed Marcus the many scars which covered his arms from that same behavior. Marcus somehow knew God was talking to him

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through that man. He called his mother and told her the incredible story. Trudy was so excited when she called us. God had answered our prayers and made a break through for her son. Trudy read in the book *Break Through Prayer* of a story in which a lady was sure an angel had rescued her from the rubble of 911. Trudy is very suspicious that the bible toting bum might have been an angel in disguise. Please continue praying for Marcus. Without Christ, he can have no lasting peace.



HONORING MONIKA'S FATHER - FATHER'S DAY 2009

Eighty-six years old, wounded in WWII, faithfully married to his wife for over 60 years, a committed Christian, and the most respected man in his village, Adolf Schwab thanks God for every day of his life.

Needless to say, we are excited to have our children home for the summer. Anne has successfully completed her second year of college

and is transferring to San Francisco State. Monika and I want to publicly thank Daryl and Diana Komlenic and their two wonderful children Dylan and Darby, for sharing their hearts and home with Anne for the past two years. Anne refers to them as her second family. Meanwhile, David has finished his first year at Pacific University in Oregon, and is studying Film Production. Monika and I would like to also thank Rick and Maggie Westfall from Donald, Oregon for loving and caring for our baby (David). Once again, it is all of us, the TEAM, that God is using to reach the people of Austria.

Serving our LORD together in Austria,

Robert & Monika

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Anne's move to San Francisco State - place to live, church, new friends, classes, finances, needs computer
- vacation for Monika and Robert (our need to get away together)
- salvation for Marcus, Marwan, Syrian man, faith for B.J. to break away from people who use her, Sigi's husband salvation
- wisdom for Monika and me concerning God's leading