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for Jesus

I have made the Sovereign LORD my shelter, and I will tell everyone about the wonderful things you do. - Psalm 73:28

Dear Team,

Does anyone know where Al Gore went? I want to let him know that I, for one, am thankful for global warming. Had it not been for it, we would be frozen over in Austria. This has been a year of record cold temperatures and snowfall. I have some pictures that you might not relate to, so I spelled it out for you in the snow on top of a frozen pond.



It has been another month of the Lord amazing us again. It started with us meeting Klaus and his team of Christians who feed the homeless twice a week. The night was bitter-cold with freezing rain and snow when the door of the tiny soup kitchen opened. A dozen or so, mostly older men, came in and sat down at the tables. Words cannot describe the poverty and despair of these men. They weren't thieves or drug addicts; they were just very poor old men from former communist countries looking for work in Austria. One man, Monika was speaking with had all his belongings strapped onto a little rolling cart that he called home.

There was one younger man named Robert who spoke English well enough to communicate with us. He left his home in Romania and rode a bicycle all the way to Vienna to find work. He was hit by a car just outside the city and now has permanent injuries to both arms and hands. There was one thing about Robert which was obvious to everyone - his hope and love of God. It wasn't long before we were chatting away about our thankfulness for what Jesus has done for us. He had every reason to complain about the unfairness in his life, but that would never come from his lips.

As the men sat around the tables eating, talking and getting warm, my mind was trying to comprehend the experience. What must God think about the suffering of these men? He knows each of them personally and loves them deeply. I couldn't stop thanking God for Klaus and his team for loving



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it's not what you think,
she is just visiting

and caring for these special people. More than anything, these men needed human contact - a friend. Monika and I felt so privileged being there talking with them.

All of a sudden I was overwhelmed with compassion and began sharing, "In the beginning... life wasn't like this. In the beginning, we were in a garden with plenty. Look at us now! What has happened to the human race? What went wrong?" I asked. You could have heard a pin drop. Men were nodding their heads in agreement and focused on what was being said. It was just like in the book of Acts where everyone heard the message in their own language. I shared a short testimony and then prayed for the men.

The SBUX Fellowship continues to grow. They had around 20 people at their new second location. God is moving, and we ask that you continue to pray for God's leading and empowering the Christians to share God's love and message. **Keep Danny in prayer.** He is really on the front lines and for the most part all alone. *He is a real hero in my book.*

Please pray for Akram, Monica's (the Syrian lady) oldest son. He was taken out of Austria to Italy and placed into a refugee camp. After being interviewed for weeks, he was denied a refugee visa and is scheduled to be deported back to Syria. Monica said that he would probably be killed if he returns. I have been sharing Christ with him through the internet and assured him that God is at work. Please pray that he comes to know God's grace in his life.



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David & Anne

he - entering a Film Festival competition
Pacific University

she - SFSU Gospel Choir
& helping church College Group
San Francisco State University

FUTURE

- moving the Bible study to Vienna
- couple going out to start their own study
- Sigi (from study) : Mission trip to Panama
- Pantons going to USA : July - August
- David & Anne Panton : San Diego for summer
- Danny moving to new flat in Vienna
- Music and testimony Outreach Vienna - May