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What to do when it's cold outside?
lights out, start a fire, relax

Dear TEAM,

Have you ever been in the middle of doing something and suddenly become aware that the HOLY SPIRIT is speaking to you through the experience? Well, that describes what happened to me this month. It was important to Monika and me, because we are often stuck not knowing what God wants us to do next. Don't you wish there was a "yellow brick road" to show us the way sometimes? You may have figured out that God does not use Hollywood's ways to guide HIS people. We live by faith!

Well, it all started with a phone call from a good friend of ours. He had received permission to pass out Bibles at a theater performance. (Try that in America.) Monika and I had seen posters all over Vienna called "**Die Bibel.**" We were curious as to what it was about but never really had time to look into it. Our friend had researched the production and learned that it featured a German actor named Ben Becker, who literally reads from the Bible. Mr. Becker is not a Christian, and the event has no Christian affiliation. Our friend asked if we could help pass out New Testaments at the show. To be honest, I groaned inside, because that is not really my cup of tea. But it was my friend, so I said yes and recruited Monika and Daniel to help. As it turned out, our friend became ill on the day of the performance and couldn't go, which really caused all of us to grown out loud. Monika and I were wondering what we had gotten ourselves into.

We arrived at the large public hall, where **The Phantom of the Opera** played on the left stage and **Di Bibel** on the right. People in Vienna really dress up for shows like this. As they were arriving, they stared at our table not really sure what to make of us. Four of the six in our group went inside with the other one thousand people who paid to see the show, while two of us stayed at the table watching over the Bibles, as if someone would steal them. At the break, Monika came to me and said, "You need to go in and see this." So we went together and watched the second half of the show together. I was moved by what I saw and experienced. There was a large stage with a full



not much to do on our balcony

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orchestra, four girls who acted as a special gospel choir, a rock band, and Ben Becker. Powerful beams of brightly colored lights coupled with a periodic gentle mist suspended across the stage, were constantly reflecting the transitions between the major Bible stories. Background scenes from Israel were beamed up to a large three-panel projection screen mounted high upon the wall behind the podium. Ben Becker's deep, raspy, powerful voice captivated the audience and stirred the emotions as he dramatized the various characters and stories of the Bible. The performance was impressive and moving to say the least. Beginning with creation, Adam and Eve, and the fall of man, he worked his way through the Bible highlighting Old Testament stories. He then read most of Luke and concluded with parts of Revelation with the risen Jesus as King of kings and coming again.



the sweetest Valentine
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We hurried back to our table as the performance was ending and before the people poured into the lobby. We were flooded with people asking for Bibles. Many asked for extras for friends and family. We were able to share Christ with many people that night.

Well, during all of the hustle, bustle and excitement of the moment, the HOLY SPIRIT started speaking to my heart. "Look, pay attention to what you see. One thousand people paid as much as 65 Euros each to hear someone read the Bible. Then they flocked to get Bibles." At that very moment, as if time had stopped, He showed me the great famine, the hunger for God and His Word. He reminded me, "I have brought you here to save the souls of many." Please continue praying for us as we reach out to Austria with the Gospel.

- Pray 4 Us -

- SBUX Fellowship leaders - finances, housing, visas
- direction for our Home Bible Study - a place to meet in the city of Vienna
- Trip to America - opportunities to share & provision as we travel around the States
- transportation while in San Diego
- provision for David and Anne - they are spending the summer in San Diego & looking for work

**IF YOU WANT TO HELP IN SOME WAY,
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FUTURE

- moving the Bible study to Vienna
- couple going out to start their own study
- Sigi (from study): on 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