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But you will receive power when the HOLY SPIRIT comes on you; and you will be witnesses.... to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8



a cold winter day

Dear TEAM,

Monika and I are so privileged to have a TEAM like BOLBF serving with us in Austria. You have prayed and given so much for the Gospel. Thank you for all the encouragement and love.

In December Nate and Danny invited Monika and me to attend the SBUX monthly leadership dinner. It was an exciting night and we were so glad to be there. Twenty eager, spiritually hungry, hearts came prepared to worship, pray, and hear from God as we read from the Bible; and that was just the leadership! God loves passionate hearts! It has always been true that God rewards those who diligently seek HIM. We also saw a video of the last welcoming party. Those kids sure know how to have fun, and it was amazing to see what lengths they took to integrate and make everyone feel a part of the SBUX family. I think Nate said they now have 10 studies at 7 locations.

God provided for Danny's school, and he left Austria in his usual "whirlwind" fashion on January 6th. He is currently somewhere in Florida. He is so loved and respected by the young people here in Austria. His purpose for going to the school was to become a better leader. Let's keep praying for him during this extreme "make-over." (I understand that it whips you into physical shape as well as the mental and spiritual aspect of the Christian life.)

- SBUX Leadership dinner 2010 -



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Well, Monika and I were looking back and talking about our Bible study group. They have grown so much, and God has been doing so many miracles for each one of us. What started out as one small Bible study is now four. We have been growing in our understanding of God and HIS calling on our lives. He really desires to bring goodness and purpose into our lives and deliver us from the old corrupt things that, like rust, eat away and destroy us. The result? Well, people we know and work with are seeing changes and asking questions. Martin, a manager for a radio station in Vienna, said that God has taught him to “help through serving” his team and rather than being a boss to them. A very “spiritually shy” lady mentioned to a client that she is going to a Bible study now, and that it is really helping her personal life. She was shocked that this came out of her mouth, and that her client was interested.

One night we had a visitor from Ireland come to the Bible study. On the way over, she confessed her apprehension of us trying to convert her. When she saw that we were harmlessly reading the Bible and having open discussion about what was written, she joined right in. I am sure that it was her first experience of having God speak to her personally through HIS word. It was beautiful to see her open up to HIS love and freely admit something was missing in her life. She learned that that *something* is really *someone* - GOD. We learned that her sister-in-law is a Christian and has been praying for her. What are the odds... we leave San Diego and move to a little town in Austria, she visits Vienna and is driven into the country to our house and is explained how much she is loved by God. Through this, God answers the sister-in-law’s prayer. “You gotta love the way HE works!”



- In loving memory of my Mom -

MaryLee Panton passed away January 16,2011 in Atlanta, Georgia. My sister and her husband lived across the street and lovingly cared her. She was surrounded by Christian neighbors who prayed for her constantly.

“Mothers hold their children’s hands for a short while but hold their hearts forever.”

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Kids

UPDATE



David Berg & Anne
at the Opera



David B. & Anne
in Slovakia

On a personal note, we had an exciting holiday season with the arrivals of Anne, her boyfriend David Berg, and our youngest son David. Did you hear of the snow storms in Europe closing airports? Well, what should have been three kids on one flight ended up being three kids arriving separately and the boys without their luggage. (They were thinking, "And we had to pay good money for this experience!")

It was the first time our family was all together in several years. Monika was in seventh heaven as she cooked up their favorite meals. (Every meal she cooks is my favorite:-) They spent time hanging out with their High School friends, touring the city and visiting old hangouts.



Danny & friend



David Berg & Anne

