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Dear Team,

Monika, Danny, & I continue thanking God for the exciting privilege of serving HIM in Austria. HE is constantly surprising us with new opportunities to share the Gospel. Most recently I shared how Monika and I met, and how she became a Christian during her 50th birthday celebration. It was a struggle because... well, it was her family. Afterwards, we evaluated the people in attendance. Two were over 90 years of age, most were in their 50's & 60's, and only a few were young adults. The chances of some of us not being around for the next party are a stark reality. I have no regrets and am quite relieved to have openly shared the Good News with most of Monika's family.



Robert, Danny, & Monika  
life is busy & full for the Pantons

We make plans, but God directs our steps. Danny had invested so much work, time, and money preparing for Patmos' first semester here in Austria. He traveled all over Europe inviting young people to the "discipleship experience" at Patmos, only to have his leadership team's visas denied by the government. As a matter of fact, the UK has revoked 19 Calvary



Robert & Danny getting Catalin  
checked into CC Bible College

Chapel missionaries' visas, a trend that is becoming popular throughout Europe. Although it was disappointing, Danny was able to send most of the students off to Patmos El Salvador, while one special brother, Catalin, is attending the Calvary Chapel Bible College in Hungary. Being found at the Salzburg train station hungry and homeless by a group of Christians visiting from Italy, they shared the Gospel with Catalin. After receiving Christ as Savior, he was told to go to Calvary Chapel Salzburg. He wandered in one Sunday and met Danny. Catalin was baptized, went on an outreach to his home country of Romania, and left for Bible College all within a few months. That had to spin his head around a few times. Pray for Catalin; this wild experience would be a challenge for any of us, especially with it being in a foreign language.

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Emanuel, having completed our BOLBF discipleship course, sensed God calling him to serve on the mission field in Kenya. He is working with soccer coaches, mentoring young boys, and is encouraging discouraged missionaries. While sharing Christ and praying for a man with a crippled leg one day, God miraculously healed the man. Needless to say, Emanuel is excited to see the Holy Spirit confirming God's Word in such a special way.



Emanuel now serving in Kenya

Danny, along with a few friends, went to the far eastern side of Romania during the Christmas holidays. They distributed food and toys to hundreds of very poor people. Everyone, many of whom had no running water, no indoor toilets or heating, welcomed the Gospel message and gifts. Daniel told of knocking on the door of one mud house. A woman, living alone, answered and began crying, saying they were the first people she had spoken with in over two years. Christmas cheer looks very different in other places of the world. They were also welcomed by hundreds of "gypsy" people who eagerly listened to the Gospel message as well. (Gypsies are one of the most despised ethnic groups in all of Europe.)

Years of meeting with young people and simply teaching God's Word has begun yielding fruit. Many are now teaching and helping others around Vienna. One of the young guys is discipling a Pakistani evangelist through SKYPE. Another has developed a team of believers from various churches and conducts weekly outreaches to the poor & homeless of Vienna. He invited me to teach an evangelism class one afternoon, where I met so many who loved Jesus and were excited about sharing their faith.

Isn't it beautiful to see the Holy Spirit working from a little discipleship group that has no building, no sound system, and no paid staff? God has always used ordinary people to bring others to Christ. I hope this encourages you to pray for, and help, the people God puts into your lives. **When this life is over, what story do you want your life to tell?**

Pakistani evangelist (white shirt) baptizing new believers



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Monika continues loving and helping some very needy and vulnerable children at her school. One little boy is having to live through the nightmare of having his 2 yr. old sister scalded to death by his mother's live-in boy friend. It is shocking to hear little children innocently tell of the neglect and abuse they live with everyday. Pray that God will give Monika wisdom on how to help these children.



Monika's birthday celebration

## Romanian Bible Study



- Sarah -  
the gifted dreamer

It has been 5 months since starting our Romanian Bible study. Alin, Catalina, and their 3 little girls moved from Romania to our little town searching for a better life. Through their daughter Sarah's gymnastic coach, a small house was provided for the family in exchange for keeping the local soccer field manicured. Catalina's sister, Elena, and adopted daughter, Tabby, moved from Romania to live with them. All the adults grew up as orphans.

"Come teach us the Bible," was their plea. Tabby accepted Jesus at the first study. Her mother, who had experienced past abusive Christian leaders, has learned to trust God again and is now a joyful, loving, regular. Through simply studying the Bible, God has convinced them, that they have an everlasting Father who will never abandon or renounce them. For a people who have never had any form of security in life, this is paramount! Just last night, another Romanian joined the study. When we finished, he said, "I need this in my life; I really need this!"

## Prayer Requests

- airplane tickets to America for this summer
- money to pay off condo loan (pray big - nothing is impossible for God)
- good health (for all of us)
- direction for ministry (a quiet place where all 3 studies could meet and grow together)
- **E-Club** (English Children's Club) ... a new business venture (energy to start and place to begin)
- Financial provision for Danny... & us
- worship leader is needed