

Brenda Ziska - Austria
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Dear Family & Friends,



This summer I flew to Germany where I attended Greater Europe Mission's annual conference. This time it was particularly special, because the mission honored Joe and recognized the fact that we have been in the mission for 40 years. I can hardly believe it's been that long.



Joe has a rose garden which Daniel has done a great job of keeping in good shape. The Austrian field decided to give Joe and I a living present in the form of a rose bush as thanks for our 40 years of service to the Austrian people.



David is now 32 and Daniel is 31. The boys, opps, men and I thank you for praying for our family throughout these last 40 years.





The “teenie” retreat you prayed for was last weekend (Aug. 18-20). All 8 of the teens from the children’s home did come, along with one of the workers from the home. Two of our very energetic couples, Missy and Kai Soltau (leader of our children’s home ministry team) and Raphaela and Jonathan Mauerhofer (now leading the Klosterneuburg church) took the kids to a close-by youth hostel. As you remember, two years ago the children at the Parkside Church VBS prayed and gave help that made it possible that we could do things with the kids in the home and community. That’s why we were able to have the retreat last week.

Although I was unable to go, they reported back that besides lots of fun, games, and action, they had four small preaching sessions, in which they explained the gospel to the teens by walking them through John 3:16. One of the highlights was a bond-fire at which Jonathan shared the plan of salvation very clearly and Kai and Raphaela gave their testimonies on how they became Christians. The kids were amazed at their stories. Afterwards one of the boys said: “You guys are changing our lives. These are wonderful things you’re telling us!”

The teens clearly learned a lot and voiced interest in spiritual things again and again. They all came to church on Sunday following the retreat! Thank you for praying for our work over the years and for sharing in our ministry to the children in Klosterneuburg. Thank you God for what you did last week!

We’re very thankful for your prayers for the Women’s breakfast in Klosterneuburg. At this point the committee has

been unable to find a place to continue meeting. Please pray as we each continue reaching out to women in Klosterneuburg through our individual churches.

I’m excited that on September 12th Jonathan, Raphaela and I will begin an outreach Bible study for seekers and young believers. Please pray that I will be able to bring some of the people who were a part of Joe’s Bible study into the group and eventually into the church. Pray that we might find those in the community who are seeking God.

On the 24th of September the Evangelical Fellowship Klosterneuburg (our new name) will be having an outreach into the neighborhood of the church and would appreciate your prayers. Please pray also for our church retreat from September 30th to October 2nd as we gather as a body to pray, learn from God’s Word and have fun together.

As we begin the fall season, may we and you bring glory to God and show His love to the Austrians, Canadians, Americans and all those strangers who He will be bring to our lands and into our lives. Thank you for your friendship and love, your prayers and your financial support during these many years of ministry in Austria.

Love in Christ,
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