

Funk's Foreign Report

Thus says the Lord: Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it'. *Jeremiah 6:16 (NKJV)*



Praise:

- for our Member Care trip to Central Asia. What joy to see families „at rest in their souls“ when the country is not at rest
- Austrian leaders' Retreat last week. Our theme „*Begleitet werden - Begleiter werden*“ - bears reference to having and being a guide/mentor.
- for God's work in marriages and healing through counselling.

Prayer:

- Feb. 9: we preach a marriage sermon in Gmunden
- Mar 4-8: Evangelistic meetings here in Linz with Ulrich Parzany
- Mar 14-23: Member Care conference in Spain and visits to workers in Portugal
- April 16-19: meetings with colleagues from MB churches in Germany and Austria
- July 16-23: family holidays - our first time together with all children & grandchildren in 12 years
- Mentoring, preaching, counselling



Ask for the ways your ancestors walked ... (paraphrase from German, Neues Leben Bibel) ...

Several years ago we had the privilege of being in the Ukraine and saw where some of our forefathers lived their lives of faith in our living God. They trusted and obeyed. What does it mean to walk in the „old paths - the good path“? Here in Austria so many believers do not have the legacy of generational faith — they are first generation believers. Two days before Christmas, a young lady here in church, lost her dad. Looking back, she realised, „I grew up without any faith.“ Just prior to her father's surgery and death, she texted her dad the first verses from Psalm 23. Her hope was that he would turn to God, the true Shepherd. She asked Richard to speak from this text at the funeral. Here, this lady and her husband shared of their personal faith in Jesus, their Shepherd. „*Find the good path, walk in it, and you will find rest for your soul*“ - sounds simple - yet may be difficult at times!

We see this „*rest for the soul*“ when we watch our teammates, Kenton and Kidron Miller, walk a difficult path. Kenton, a 35-year old father of 3 children, went to emergency on Christmas Day and was soon diagnosed with lymphoma. During his 3-week hospital stay, he and his wife radiated a deep peace in God's ways. They share their faith with many, even in light of a long journey with chemo therapy ahead. Please remember to pray for them.

We thank everyone, who responded to our prayer letter and updates last year. Our financial situation is stable. Thanks for each gift and each prayer. We continue to „*stand, see and ask for the old paths - the good way and walk in it!*“

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