

Dan and Rachel Zuch

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Dear Friends,

As I (Rachel) write, Dan and I are in the car heading toward Frankfurt, Germany as part of his job as ministry area leader for Germany. We will be visiting with co-workers there that we got to know way back in 1989, before we ever left for Austria! A church plant in Frankfurt for high achievers in the financial district has recently begun, and we are looking forward to hearing more and spending time with them as a couple. Pray for us as we seek to encourage them.

Yesterday we officiated at the wedding of a young couple that attend the Beheimgasse church. We have been meeting together for marriage preparation with them for the last eight months. It was such a joy to see this young couple wanting to follow the Lord in their relationship and for their ceremony to really be a reflection of God's love for the whole world!

TEAM Austria:

- Praise for the on-going health and progress of the Beheimgasse church. They have continued the emphasis on discipleship and mentoring in various ways, and it was so encouraging to attend the baptism of a young man that started attending the church while we were still there, who wasn't yet a believer! The "new" pastor Samuel is doing well. There also have been some really encouraging outreach steps by the church into the community.

- Praise for the Spirit's empowerment as Dan preaches in different churches from week to week. Often, but not always, his messages are about the centrality of discipleship and keeping the main thing the main thing. A recent message about becoming a forgiving community has resonated and led to further steps for some.

- Pray for wisdom as he comes alongside the international churches in Vienna as well as churches in central and West Austria that are part of the Baptist Fellowship. His responsibility is to help the leadership develop and move toward church multiplication.

- Pray particularly for one church in crisis mode in Vienna that Dan is helping with. It is a very complex situation that involves a Brazilian missionary pastor, Austrians and Farsi speaking refugees and migrants. There is also a family dynamic/problem involved. It is all very confusing for the many new people from Moslem backgrounds who have come to know the Lord.

TEAM Germany:

Prayer for progress on uniting everyone around a new common vision as well as God's leading for new initiatives with our German Evangelical Free Church partners.

Heart Works:

Thankful for recent positive developments like:

Hiring of a new and needed worker for after-care as well as new volunteers.
New outreaches that have begun in two other cities in Austria.
Ongoing financial stability in spite of the leadership crisis.
Good response to needed organizational changes with the input of a consultant.
Our new web-site is on-line. The English translation is finished and hopefully will also be up in a few days. Feel free to have a look: <https://www.herzwerk-wien.at/>

Prayer for the following:

Strength and wisdom for Rachel in her dual role as Board Chair and temporary operational leader. The demands (emotional, time) are great and the recent past is still being worked through.
Dan, as he has been elected to be on the Board of directors of Heart Works.
Wisdom for further needed changes, including the search for a new operational leader and a new social worker.
Needed translators, especially for Hungarian and Romanian.



Part of the Herzwerk Team

Personal (Dan writing) :

Rachel and I are so thankful for the faithful prayer support of so many in the States. This letter is another step to do a better job of keeping you updated.

We are also thankful for the ongoing financial support. We have had what we need for the year so far. The generous provision through several one-time supporters will be running out by the end of 2018 so we will have a need going into 2019.

Pray for strength and wisdom for the use of our time and energy. Pray for us to recognize priorities in very different situations and requests for help. We have said no to some requests recently in order to stay focused.

Although we are in worship services every week, we have not yet made a final decision about a home church here. Pray for God's leading for us and a final decision.



The discipleship cohort that I have been involved with for the past four years continues to be very life-giving. Although we usually meet via video conferencing once a month, the five of us, from different parts of the world, met together "live" again in Athens to take our own discipleship and spiritual formation further and work on the further development of tools we can use cross-culturally to help others become more effective in making disciples who can make disciples. Rachel was also able to take part. It was a rich and meaningful time together that also included visiting Athens and Corinth, two places we had not yet been. It was awesome reading Paul's message that he gave on Mars Hill from the book of Acts out loud in both places (see photo).

I also am learning a lot through a weekly training group that focuses on taking steps to learn more together about shepherding, teaching, evangelizing, discerning and communicating God's will to others and taking steps into new areas of ministry that God is leading into.



A Family Note: On February 21 we became grandparents again to Isabella Rumi Zuch in Nashville, TN. That is child number three for Rachel and Tiff and grandchild six for us. They arrived back in Ecuador mid-April to continue their ministry to kids in the jungle. Please continue to pray for healing and effective treatment for Tiff's migraine headaches that she continues to regularly have. Pray also for the many challenges that they face in the ministry there. **If you are interested in hearing about their ministry, you can see their latest newsletter here.**

Thanks so much for your love, prayers and support!

Dan and Rachel

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