



Refugee Outreach & Calvary Chapel Vienna

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A recent Sunday at church, with my wife, Michi, translating into German for me. We press on, and in the face of rising cases of Covid here in Austria, we are praying for wisdom and that the Lord will keep the unity in the church.

To the right, a great night at The Oasis with some men from Pakistan and India. They watched The Jesus film and took Gospels in their mother tongue. One of them said that a church helped him in another country along the way, when he was hungry and tired. So good to hear.



Calvary Chapel Vienna

Greetings from Vienna! In case you missed our last update, Pastor Shay moved to Sweden in July and he appointed me and Brian Harrington as the co-pastors of the church. Brian and I are rotating on the Sunday sermons. Being a pastor is harder than expected, so pray for me and for your pastor! But Jesus said "take my yoke upon you... my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:29). So, we are trying to pray through this new season and cast our cares upon Jesus. Brian and I have decided to go through the Gospel of John on Sundays. We are praying for fresh vision and guidance as we shepherd our church of about forty adults.

An Iranian couple and Jesus

Pray for this Iranian couple: the wife came to faith just last month here in Austria, and her husband (who has MS) is thinking it all through. They read through the whole Bible in Iran! The husband shared with me that they wanted to read it and heard that a man with an antique shop also sold Bibles (which is illegal in Iran). They went there, and sure enough, when they quietly asked him, the man left and soon came back with a Bible for them. They paid, hid the Bible, took a taxi home, and with hearts pounding, went inside and found a safe spot for it. They read it every night after work, and after some time decided to leave Iran. His wife now knows Jesus, and they are both still reading the Bible. The husband shared with me that he is still learning and wants "more information"

Michi and her Dad Franz

Michi is happily in her 6th year at the International Christian School of Vienna. The school goes from K to 12, has 250 students from 50 different countries, and only half of them are Christians. But Bible lessons are often taught! Michi is the receptionist. **Keep praying for Franz**, Michi's father. He still gets chemo; it has been a battle with cancer. The doctors predict that he has one or two months to live. Pray that he will come to truly know Jesus personally. He believes Jesus died and rose again, but does he trust Him and follow Him? One recent joyful event, Michi's sister Regina got married, and Franz got to walk her down the aisle!

before he makes a decision. But his MS will soon make his life very difficult, aside from a miracle. Please pray for him!

In general, at The Oasis, we have had fewer guests due to complications with Covid. It is disheartening, but we are thankful for the personal meetings we have with those who do manage to visit. Even just last week, a couple of men from Syria got to hear all about Jesus, in a personal conversation, so we thank God for that, even if they were the only ones that heard that day.

In other news, Oliver is now 7 years old, has started 1st grade, and is in the same school as Evelyn, who is in the 3rd grade. Please pray too for my parents, as it is very hard with my dad being housebound and in a wheelchair. May the Lord bless you and encourage you, Ken & Michi

Praise and Prayer

- Praise the Lord that we have been able to develop a YouTube channel for The Oasis. At least 100 refugees here are in quarantine, but hopefully they can hear about this and watch online. We will try to spread the word about it, hoping that refugees will tell others about it in the refugee facility too.
- Pray for my monthly preaching at an Arabic fellowship here, that the men and women would come to faith in Christ.



Here, a snapshot of Evelyn and I on top of a mountain. It was right up there with one of the most enjoyable days of my life. I took her out for a hike up a mountain about 90 minutes south of Vienna, as a belated birthday gift. She is now 8. We enjoyed it so much, we plan on making it an annual tradition.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.