



Newest Team Member—Katy Elizabeth Haskew

Vienna Tidbits:
May 31st is a holiday in Austria celebrating the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost to the Apostles. Formerly, a time of reflection and celebration of the founding of the church. Now, just another opportunity for congested vacation traffic.

Prayer Requests:
GUIDANCE—For new outreach programs
SMALL GROUPS—Formation of curriculum and that current relationships will be interested in studying
RELATIONSHIPS—New ones forming with our office space

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CONNECTING THE PEOPLE OF VIENNA TO THE STORY OF CHRIST THROUGH SERVICE AND LOVE
WITH A COMMUNITY OF HOPE, PURPOSE, AND REDEMPTION.

OPEN HOUSE

It has taken us a few months, but we finally have our office space renovated, furnished, and in working order. It didn't really require much renovation (we just needed to install a kitchen), but we did everything ourselves, and this in addition to our regular activities in which we are engaged. So, it ended up taking a bit longer than we would have liked, but our entire team worked hard and contributed to the transformation of this office space; that type of cooperation and collective effort carries a great sense of satisfaction. Ira was primarily responsible for the kitchen, the most difficult of our renovation tasks, but I can at least say I put on the cabinet doors! Kim made a wonderful painting, decorated the facility with photographs taken by Jake and, with Alisha's help, painted the walls. Alisha also made the Roman shades that cover some of the windows. I imagine there are plenty of things I don't know about that teammates did to move our office space to a state of working order.

On May 22, we hosted an open house at the office space. We prepared food, drinks, and games for kids, and we made brochures describing Kreuzung—our neighborhood organization—and some of the programs we're offering. We're currently offering a discussion group, which we've described in past newsletters, called Gesprächsrunde, as well as a weekly meeting for women with the simple goal of facilitating good conversation and friendship called



Flyer for Open House

Kaffeetrinken, a monthly game night, and tutoring for school-aged children. Of course, our real desire is to study the Bible with people and proclaim the resurrection of Jesus, and we mention in our Kreuzung brochure that this is a neighborhood organization with Christian concerns, ideals, and goals. Our hope is that these activities will help us to connect with people and then connect them to Jesus.

We did fail to look closely at an Austrian calendar when we set the date of the open house, and we ended up scheduling near a major holiday in which many people left Vienna for a long weekend. However, the open house went really well, and we expect to host another one in the fall. We had a few people from the surrounding community stop in and more than a handful of younger children came

in to play games. One of the really cool things about our open house, though, was that some of our friends made a point to be there and participate in this event, and their presence was a true encouragement to us. I hope that you will continue to keep these things in your prayers. There is no question that the need in Vienna is great, but so are the opportunities. Pray that our hearts will be open to God's will and that He will equip us for the task at hand. ~ Brian

CPM SEMINAR

Do you have a real desire to see people confess Jesus as Lord but struggle to know how to engage them in a conversation about Christ? Or, perhaps you have had spiritual conversations or Bible studies with someone, but you feel like a genuine commitment to the Word of God and a general willingness to obey Scripture is lacking.

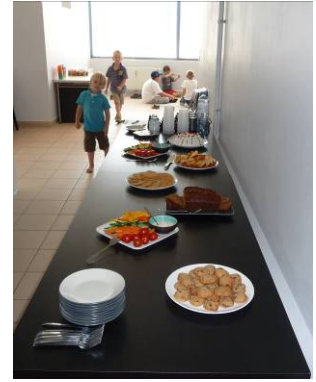
We too desire and pray that God will work powerfully in the city of Vienna to redeem His creation, but we also sometimes find it difficult to recognize the opportunities God has provided to share His message. Many of us have grown up hearing and reading God's Word, but we often neglect to move from knowledge to obedience not only in our own lives but sometimes in our Bible studies with others as well.

In an effort to be more effective as people called to share the greatest Story ever told with a world so desperately in need of salvation, a group of devoted followers of Christ from Olomouc, Czech Republic; Zagreb, Croatia; Maribor, Slovenia; Vienna, Austria; and Dallas, TX gathered in Vienna for this special occasion. With the help of Phil and Rebecca Jackson from Missions Resource Network and Phil's training with David Watson, we all discovered, shared and practiced an obedience-oriented approach to studying God's Word. From Friday morning through Sunday afternoon, we spent time praying and discussing how entire communities can be redeemed for Christ through existing connections and small groups. To learn more about CPM (Church Planting Movements), visit www.cpmtr.org.

Our team has always intended and been working towards reaching the city of Vienna, especially through small groups, but, to be honest, small groups have not just started forming on their own, and it has been difficult for those groups

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To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me." ~ Colossians 1:28-29



**Alisha prepares food for the open house. Come to our table!
Food served during the open house.**



Seminar in Vienna Team office

to develop simply from the relationships God has created among individual friends here. As we participated in this conversation throughout the seminar, we discussed practical ways of being conspicuous Christians in our respective communities and also of identifying those "people of peace" that Jesus mentions in Luke 10 as he sends out the seventy-two.

This time with our brothers and sisters in Christ from different parts of Europe and the U.S. was truly a great encouragement to us. We enjoyed eating together and having many of them stay in our homes. Their presence at our monthly Friday night English devotional was an added blessing as our praise to our Heavenly Father and Christian fellowship took on an even deeper meaning. ~ Josh