



Shopping on Kohlmarkt Street looking at Michaelerplatz |

**Vienna Tidbits:**  
Have you ever watched the slow importation of a holiday? Every year we learn more about how Austrians celebrate Halloween. It seems the traditional 'All Saints Day' is becoming less important than the commercial Halloween. Rest assured, All Saints is still a day off work!

**Prayer Requests:**  
**FURLOUGH**—For safe travels  
**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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# Vienna Team Newsletter

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

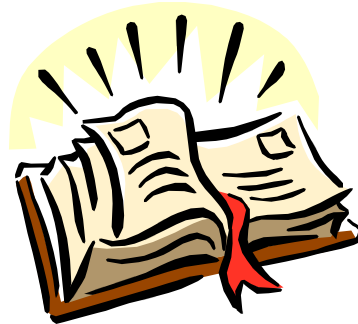
## INTO A NEW WORLD

Over the last few months, there have been several exciting developments here in Vienna, but as our team is re-establishing itself after the summer furlough rotation, it's been easy to overlook all the great things God is doing. Since the Haskews and Hensals returned from furlough, our team has re-launched our Wednesday afternoon children's program, new Bible studies have begun and existing Bible studies are moving everyone involved into a deeper understanding of God's will and grace. New ideas for outreach and service are springing up, being developed and being put into action. There are, indeed, good and exciting things happening, but these things—yes, even the good and exciting works of our God—are easy to overlook if we fail to keep our eye on the prize. If we fail to take a moment to give God the glory, if we fail to take a moment to celebrate what God is doing in our lives, it becomes easy to overlook what is being done in Vienna. The job of missionary is unique to most other occupations in that your goal and desire is to work yourself out of a job.



With most other jobs you're constantly trying to convince you're employer why the company cannot survive without your work and services, not this one. With each Bible study we're training and guiding people towards God and His righteousness. With each new contact and each new program or event we're calling people to participate in His salvation. With each new day working in Vienna we're moving towards working ourselves out of a job.

This is difficult to realize if we're not keeping our eye on the prize. Last Sunday in our worship service, we took a moment to reflect on the specific, small joys of our past week so as to praise God for the little blessings in our lives. It's easy to miss the beauty of changing leaves when you're



driving to the next meeting or outreach event. It's easy to miss the poetic beauty of the Psalms if you're simply trying to keep up with your daily Bible reading schedule. It's easy to miss the marvel of a child's

imagination when you're trying to determine whether or not their stories are reality. But, these are the little things. These are the little blessings that make our lives rich.

## INTO A NEW WORLD (CONT.)

The longer I'm in Vienna, there is a growing challenge in my life: the fact that we've yet to baptize a single person. This practice is one of the big things of our faith that we want to see happen. We want people to make a commitment to God and experience forgiveness of their sins. Before we moved to Vienna, I really thought that we'd have baptized people by now—more than two years on the field. I know that it is Satan that challenges me with feelings of failure, and there are little joys happening for which God should be glorified. People are studying the Bible. People are moving towards salvation. We are working ourselves out of a job. God's new world is constantly breaking into our lives. God is making new lives out of old, broken lives through friendships, fellowship and Bible study. The new world is coming to Vienna as we speak. God is at work, and on His timeline all of these little things will reach their fulfillment. ~ Brian



Some pictures from the 2009 Kürbisfest in Zellerndorf. A family favorite of the Hensals and Haskews has become a yearly tradition.

## A TIME OF TRANSITION

Our family recently transitioned out of the ministry in Vienna. I know this is new information for some of you, and I apologize for the delay in sharing the news with you. We traveled to the US this summer for our furlough and consulted with our overseeing congregation at Memorial Road about this decision. It has been difficult to say goodbye to our friends, teammates, and other Christians living in Vienna. We have an abiding love for the city and the message that our team continues to share with the Viennese. We support their efforts and fully understand the need for Christian testimony in the city of Vienna. May God strengthen their faith and their families as they continue this difficult task.

Currently, our family has relocated to the Minnesota area to stay with family until I can find a new job. We have been very thankful to our supporting congregations, friends, and family for their prayers and support during this time of transition. Memorial Road church of Christ has consistently enabled us and our teammates to make this transition as smooth as possible. If you would like to also provide assistance for our relocation, please send your support to Memorial Road church of Christ at 2221 E. Memorial Road Edmond, OK 73013. If you have any further questions about our decision or our future plans, please contact me by email or on my cell phone at (612) 345-0063. ~Ira



Ira, Kari, and Zaden Lockwood

"We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

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