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"Then the sons of Israel walked on dry land in the middle of the sea, and the water was a wall for them on the right and on the left. Exodus 14:22

Hello, dear ones!

...to march through a water tunnel where the water walls are meters high on the right and on the left - that is surely frightening! - "what if the walls collapse?" It was the step of faith that God expected from Israel when they left Egypt behind and started their way into the Promised Land. This passage through the Red Sea is presented in the New Testament as a symbol for the baptism of faith - it is a step of faith in obedience.

We had such a water baptism the penultimate Sunday here on our farm. 9 people admitted with tears that since they met Jesus their lives have changed and made a covenant with Him through baptism. It was a wonderful church celebration with some of the neighbours from the village as well as many unbelieving relatives and friends.

As a family: we are actually doing very well lately, thank God!

Baptism service in July



During this time of pandemic, where every movement was controlled by the police, we really experienced the hand of God over us. Friends of the church, who are employed by the Roma party, provided us with an identity card which allowed us to work as volunteers, bringing relief supplies or medicine to families in need. Moreover, they even brought us grain to bake bread for poor families. Many thanks again to all who donated for the used grain mill. It arrived here with a relief transport from Germany.

With the same transport also the mower and other tools arrived, which are extremely helpful for making hay. Because our horse had its foal in June - we now have 2 mares and a female foal, as well as the calf from the cow, which we want to raise because the mother is already very old, so we need real hay for the winter. Due to the long rainy season making hay has become much more difficult.



Offspring - our Nora gave birth to a little daughter

A boat trip over the Alt on holiday

Nevertheless, in spite of all the work and also the many guests who arrived one after the other as soon as these restrictions were relaxed - each for a few days - thank you Lord for the dear sisters who helped me with cleaning and gardening - the Lord gave us 3 days of a beautiful holiday - where Filip was also happy to be part of. Along with another family who also has an autistic son we could rest a few days in a health resort with warm healing springs and even a boat trip on the river and small walks.

As a church: we felt that this time of "closed doors" was like an enrichment - even though it sounds funny. We continued to meet in house groups (8 - 10 people were allowed) and on Sundays we visited each house group as a family one after the other - from where Misch (or one of our two deacons) preached - which was broadcasted live over the internet to everyone else. Afterwards we had lunch together. Throughout this time, we have grown much closer to each other as a church - getting to know people much more personally. And we really felt the angels of God as a protective wall around us. In the city district "Combinat" the police stood on a Sunday morning directly in front of the block of houses where we had planned our meeting: When Misch arrived he was thinking about driving on, so that he wouldn't be questioned, but suddenly the police just drove away. We could get out of the car in peace, although in the block opposite a family was assigned to report everything "conspicuous" immediately, we were able to bring up guitar and food and celebrated a wonderful service - without any disturbances – PRAISE FOR OUR MIRACULOUS GOD!!!!

<u>Our teenage ministry</u>: we have started again a month ago (every Saturday afternoon) - where the teenagers have fun riding, playing volleyball, but also reading the Bible together - we started reading John's Gospel one after the other to whet their appetite for personal Bible reading.





Pray with us for the upcoming camp, which is planned from August 11-15. The team from Senden (near Ulm, Germany) wants to come and support our 3 young teenage leaders in the ministry at the camp. As the laws still vary a lot because of the recurring corona cases, we do not know what will be possible this time. **But GOD knows!!!**



Prayer requests:

- our young brothers and sisters, we see a real change in some of them since their baptism: a hunger for the Word, being free from smoking etc.

- Unfortunately, we had to interrupt our **discipleship school** because of the pandemic. God knows when and how it will continue.

- the protection of the blood of Jesus on each one of us and on all of you.

- that we continue to spread the Good News of Jesus, have an alert mind to recognize every opportunity God gives us. Even during our holidays, we could see a hunger for the Word of God among the Romanian people (also among well-to-do people) and we could share the Gospel with some of them.

Thank you very much: to all of you who are so faithful in prayer, for your solidarity and also the financial support, for everything we do here for HIS HONOR!!!

May God reward you abundantly!!!!

United in His love,

Misch and Senta with Philippus





Fagaras at sunset (seen from the Galater mountain) - on the way to Soars (our home)

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