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...teacher and pupil alike...

1 Chronicles 25:8b

(In German, the word "teacher" is translated as "certified master craftsman."

For clarity, the translator will use the word "master" instead of "teacher.")

Dear friends

We haven't heard from you in a long time—and you haven't heard from us either (except for those of you receiving our WhatsApp messages. If you'd be interested, you can reach us at **0040/742/222533** – Senta's number).

The verse cited above speaks about **singers** and musicians, **appointed by David** after the arch of the covenant had been brought to Jerusalem and a tent had been set up to host it. **Praise and worship** were important to David and he appointed **Levites** to lead the service. This verse mentions two roles:

Master – we know this expression from crafts *"he is a certified master craftsman, "he has a diploma", he knows what he is doing in his craft, "he performs", "you can trust him with this" etc.*

"He does well" is what we might say today.

While traveling in Germany in April we heard about a great need for "apprentices" (**pupils**). Why? Because young people do not want to learn a craft!

By the grace of God and over time, some of us have reached the master level. The question is: "what about the

Pupils (apprentices)? Do they still exist?

Jesus criticizes the pharisees in Mathew 23:15 "...For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte (follower)."

The pharisees paid a high price for followers = they searched everywhere for people that would follow them. Before His ascension into heaven, Jesus commissioned His disciples to **"make disciples (followers, pupils, apprentices) throughout the nations"** (Matthew 28). **Jesus left behind eleven disciples - who were like Him! - because they did what they had learned from Him.** This is our heart's desire: to **make disciples through the grace of God!**

And: Last month, Misch preached a series on "Worship that glorifies God" in accordance with Amos 9: "I will restore David's fallen shelter."



As a family: I am sitting in **Philipps** room – it has become our office - writing our newsletter. Yes, we keep saying **"he has gone ahead", "he has reached the finish line"** and we imagine him being **happy** and observing us together with other beloved family members or friends, **waiting for us.**

We are adjusting to **each other** – he used to be the center of our attention – now we can enjoy each other. We had a wonderful **trip through Germany** at the beginning of April, where we visited **Michael's ill sister and Senta's 85 years old mother** and her siblings and had a wonderful **time of restoration in Zwickau** – a wonderful church that became close friends with us over the last two years.

Other than that, we are enjoying spring. Senta has planted her vegetable garden as well as her flower and rock garden together with "angels" that God always sends at the right time. Mish has planted turnips, corn and lucerne for the animals. The cow is outside in the pasture – until fall (we don't make cheese anymore but get it directly from the herd.) The foal is getting used to the pasture with the rest of the herd. Nelly and Nora are staying at the stable to carry wood from the forest and to be available for riding.



Guests: A team of 9 men – all master craftsmen and 3 ladies (**from the church in Zwickau**) were here for a **work outreach** in April. It was amazing to see how teams of two worked in so many areas at once, and how many defects they were able to fix in just a few days: a new water pump (3 phases), setting up a water filter, building the pantry interior (including tiling and

shelving), toilet seats, water tanks, toilet brushes and holders, lights and smoke detectors in all guest rooms, motion detectors for the yard and much more...The ladies were

cooking part time, but also doing practical work. And then - everything **they bought themselves, brought with them, installed, and left as a gift!** This is how things work in **our Jesus family!!!**



As a church we have restarted the **home groups** and we are praying for an opportunity to hand over the second home group (**to our disciples**), in order to start a new one. Although we are enjoying a **beautiful movement** (especially among young people), we also see how the devil is trying to distract people, so they don't invest time in the kingdom of God. It is a **constant struggle** for every individual to "**grasp eternal life**" – as Paul describes.

Our youth: By the grace of God they have become **independent** – they even started a **leadership group** with weekly meetings. They are **serving our teens** (12-18 year olds) every Sunday with games, worship and a biblical topic. They are even preparing our camp in **August** by themselves.

Discipleship school : In May, we completed **Grade 0**, and **three young people** want to be **baptized**. We are **grateful for Stefan and Esther Armer** and their team from Petrila for the major investment in the **spiritual development** of these young people (through topics, good worship and lots of small group ministry)!!!



Our church



End of the Discipleship Year

Prayer requests:



Albert

Albert, one of our disciples (19 years old), is currently completing his Abitur and has informed us at the end of this discipleship year that he would like to do a voluntary year of service with us at the farm. We were very pleasantly surprised by this because he is a very dedicated follower of Jesus who also loves working with teenagers and serving in God's kingdom. If anyone feels led to support this young man financially (he would need about 200 euros per month – but we are grateful for any small donation), they can let us know directly.

New people have joined us recently through God's remarkable guidance, but as mentioned before, they face various influences that prevent them from fully becoming part of the community.

The next discipleship year, which we plan to start anew in the fall, must first be born in the hearts of the leaders. We are so thankful for the wonderful team (comprising members from Bucharest, Petrila, Cluj, and Făgăraș), and we pray that they will come together and receive fresh vision from God for what is needed in the coming year.

In His love

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