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Dear Friends,

2020 has come and gone. COVID-19 still dominates the news. In this new "normal" MEOS' missionaries still find ways to share God's message of hope.

Experience love, deal with the past and find hope.

Markus one of MEOS' intercultural missionaries recently reported on a camp in Hasliberg for 75 Iranians and Afghans last year in summer when the COVID-19 restriction were less. He rejoices that that this year the Iranian leaders had taken the responsibility for the camp program. No longer is their role just that of an interpreter. They are doing this for their own people.

God creates opportunities. Participants find answers and open up.

Markus had a conversation with a woman that not long before arrived in Switzerland with her family. She said to Markus: "I can only accept this belief when I see the good actions of my compatriots as well. But I do not see in some that they really live as the Bible says." And then she asked him: "Why is that so?"

Markus explained to her that we are all in a process of growth and are not changed from one day to the next. Markus gave her an example, "A diamond has to be polished through a careful and painstaking process. We all have bad habits that need to be changed first." Markus noticed that Maryam was listening to him attentively and that the words were working in her. His heart filled with gratitude because God has given them today's encounter. Maryam points to her husband and says that he is an atheist, but here in the camp he is talking about God for the first time and he is really opening up.

A big shock, but faith continues after the camp.

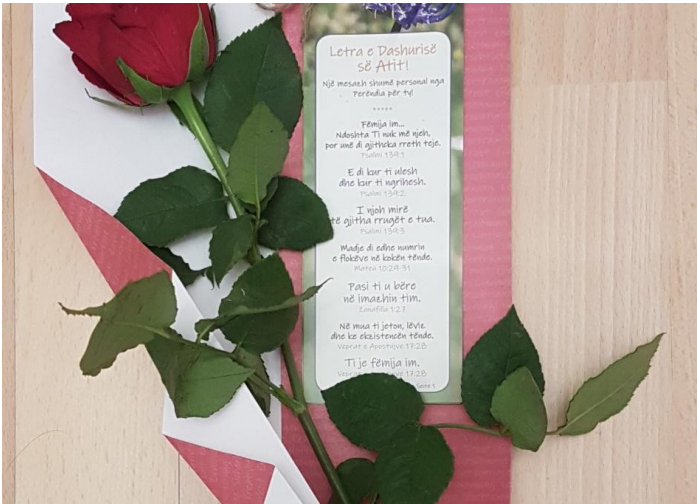
After the camp, the terrible news reached us: COVID-19 positive. All the participants had to be quarantined in spite of protective measures. It was the second wave in Switzerland, and we had prayed a lot for protection and safekeeping. "Why God?". We cannot understand. But now we are seeing effective follow-up work come through this challenging time of quarantine. The work of the Holy Spirit continues!

Martina, who speaks fluent Farsi and can communicate well with everyone, reports, "Just now we finished our daily Zoom meeting. Now it is the eighth day that we meet online, read the Bible together and pray. People have nothing to do. Some are seriously ill and therefore very grateful for prayers. A WhatsApp group has emerged from the Hasliberg camp community. People write prayer requests, Bible verses and send Christian videos."

Maryam, with whom Markus talked about cutting people like diamonds, also writes regularly in the chat and is happy about the love we have for each other beyond the camp. Markus marveled at how God is working with her and her husband, especially through the COVID-19 illnesses and the resulting chat. With deep emotion in her voice, Maryam records a voice message and sends it to Markus: "We have now found a 'family' and are so grateful to have met you all." Her husband also actively participates in the chat and attends Zoom meetings.

For many Afghans and Iranians, the camp at Hasliberg is the highlight of their calendar. They experience real, deep community. They are able to invite their friends and they hear a message of forgiveness that touches their past as well as their present. They experience healing and reconciliation - through Jesus.

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bell at the front door and surprise their neighbors with a rose and a fan with encouraging texts in her native language. MEOS deliberately designed the beautiful fan in Albanian and German, because bilingualism belongs to all migrants. For more information about the items available for the rose project, visit meos.ch/meos-medien.

Most of you reading this English prayer letter are not in Switzerland, but I would still encourage you to use Women's Day on March 8th and holidays like it as an opportunity to reach out to those around you. Look for ways these celebrations can be used to reach out to others.

March 8 is Women's Day

This is a very much celebrated day in Kosovo, Albania, Macedonia and the rest of the Balkan States. Many Christians have given a rose and the Gospel to women in these countries in recent years and have had incredibly positive experiences. The idea first came from Christians in Pristina, the capital of Kosovo. From there, it quickly spread through the Balkan countries. In 2021, many Christians and whole teams will again participate in the rose project.

Roses and a letter from Heavenly Father!

Because March 8 is so important in the Balkans, MEOS is encouraging Christians in Switzerland to give a rose and a "love letter from the Heavenly Father" to some women from the Albanian-speaking area on this day. Show your appreciation! Say THANK YOU for the work of the saleswoman, the nurse, the kindergarten teacher, ...

Surprise them in their mother tongue

On March 8, Christians in Switzerland will ring the

Prayer and Praise

- Pray for MEOS missionaries as they look for ways to safely conduct ministry in a world where the COVID-19 virus is a reality.
- Pray for Marlies' US immigration Visa to be granted and that we will be able to make it through all the needed steps and see the Lord's leading through it all.

Warning, changes ahead!

In 2019 Marlies and I bought land in the USA. Lord willing we plan to move there later this year. More details about what this means will be in the next prayer letter we send out later this year. We have included an "Easter egg" for you to find in this prayer letter regarding our new location.

We are currently working on a US immigration visa for Marlies. In January I got a notice that my petition for an alien relative had been approved. This is the first in a many step process. We are currently working on filling the needed forms and collecting the needed documents to submit for her immigration visa application. One of the biggest hurdles has been getting police clearance records from all the places she has lived more than six months (Bonaire, South Africa, Honduras, Switzerland), as each has its own forms, and procedures for supporting documents, etc. For example, for Honduras we need a lawyer.

Oliver and Alice are now adults and are trying to find their own way in this world. Where they will be in the future is in God's hands. Currently neither of them have any definite plans to leave Switzerland.

Thanks for your prayers and support of our ministry in Switzerland until the end!

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