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Dear Friend,

It was some time ago that we wrote a real newsletter, however, we are glad that we were able to share some current information digitally.

When the service for Jesus constantly leads you to different countries, and it comes to a standstill, as it were, then the break in our activities unfortunately occurred worldwide which we experienced during the past months.

The last unhindered ministry we could undertake was in February in Romania at the Pacea Bible School. When our colleague Dr. Schmidtke prepared to teach in March, the borders were already closing. Botho was able to postpone his service until December. However, some of the Bible students he was going to teach will not be able to complete the necessary subjects because the Bible school will be ending this summer.

We had planned a trip to Volgograd in mid-May. Here, we were able to rebook the flights for a new date which was agreed upon together with our brothers and sisters there. Therefore, in January of next year, we will hold the marriage seminars in Volgograd.

The dates planned for our co-worker Dr. Ebeling at the Faculty of Theology in Zagreb in Croatia, including the community seminars had to be cancelled entirely.

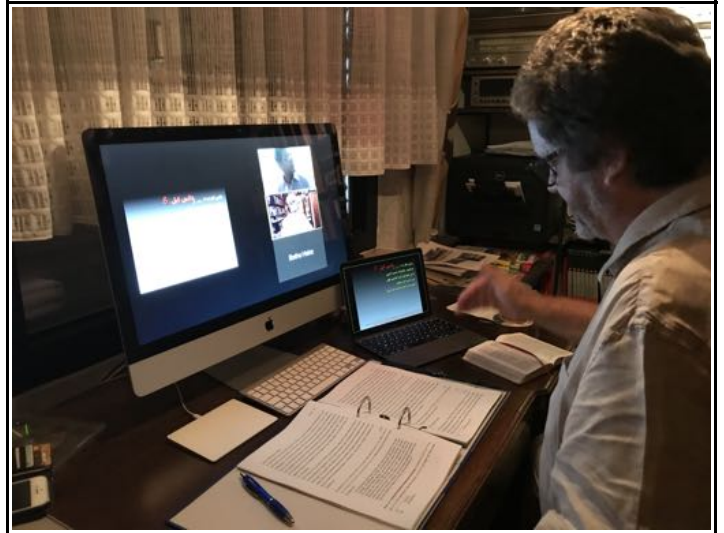
Also, since we could not hold our annual general meeting at the normal time, it was moved to August.

As every year in the early summer, together with our colleague E. Roehrich we provided reports about the children's camps that were held in eastern Ukraine last year in various communities. We are grateful that most of these dates could take place and that they were blessed times. We hope and pray that children's camps in Eastern Ukraine can take place in late July. This is a very important service because this area of Europe is already very poor anyway and currently people are suffering even more than usual. So it is all the more important that we enable the children to enjoy these camping retreats and tell them about Jesus at the same time. Eduard Roehrich is ready to travel, and the flight tickets have been purchased. The local community will be deciding whether and how the children's retreat is possible under the current regulations.

As we write these lines, Botho should be on the plane returning home from Rawalpindi in Pakistan. There too, the measures to contain the corona pandemic thwarted our plans. However, we are very grateful that Botho was able to hold a webinar during the past ten days. Botho has already held several video conferences, be it as a house group, prayer meeting, board meeting, etc. But that was, of course, different than planned because it was supposed to be done with a presentation and translator. We first tested the system at home to see what would appear on the other side when we attempted to give a presentation where Botho was to be seen as a speaker. That wasn't possible with only one computer, so we first signed onto the first computer for the presentation, then added a second computer, on which Botho appeared for the participants. Afterward the attendees were able to log on in the classroom in Pakistan which made it possible for the presentation to be started on the first computer. It was a bit awkward, but it worked! The topic was the Book of Daniel, a Bible prophet who has served God for over 69 years. It is very interesting how he was used by God in various political

situations at the same time received very detailed prophecies from God. Since Botho had not yet taught this in Pakistan, the presentation had to be translated. There were a few translated pages coming every day. These texts were in Urdu (Arabic script) that then had to be brought into the existing presentation. That required patience. It entailed incorporating texts in a language that we cannot speak and is written from right to left into an existing presentation written in German. As you can imagine, there were several difficulties that had to be overcome.

However, given the large amount of information, the presentation in their language was a great help for the brothers and sisters in Pakistan, therefore, the whole effort was worth it. Even though knowledge can be conveyed through lessons online, it is by no means as good as when you are on site. There is no direct contact with the participants, which means that the situation cannot be dealt with directly. Of course, we were able to answer all the questions that came up, but it is different when you can meet eye to eye and exchange information after the event to the brothers and sisters there. It was the best thing we could do considering in the situation, so we are thankful to God for that.



What's next? An assignment in Moldova is planned for the end of July. We are hoping and working to ensure that this can take place.

In addition, we are pleased that Dr. Schmidtke will be allowed to conduct men's retreat in Friedrichroda, Germany in mid-July.

So much for the situation and the plans. We don't know what will happen, but we are sure that everything is in God's hands.

In addition, it is important to us that, with everything that we have experienced in the past few months, that people will turn to God. Let's pray for revival and that we, who believe in Jesus, can continue to tell others about Him.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Botho & Gisela Heinz'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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