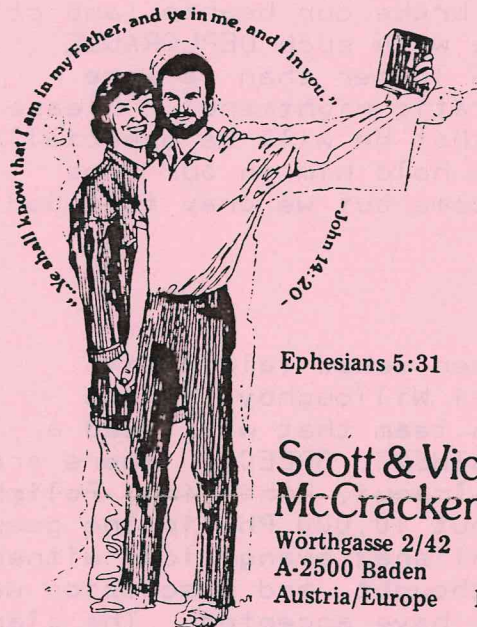


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Ephesians 5:31

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Dear Team Members,

There's so much to write about but only time and space for a few things that you can pray/praise about:

REACHING MUSLIMS!!

Muslims are beginning to come to Christ! A few months ago, an Iranian named Fariborz made a commitment to Jesus after various team members had spent months sharing with him. Two days ago, he told me what unbelievable joy God has given him, and how

neither he nor his friends can hardly believe how much Jesus has changed him in just a few short months! Fariborz is being discipled and is enthusiastically sharing the love of Jesus with many Muslims. In fact, at our last Seekers Weekend (this month), God used him to actually lead another Muslim man (Naidar) to Jesus! Fariborz told me with tears in his eyes of his joy for Naidar and of his burden for other Muslims. Please pray for Fariborz and Naidar, and the other two Muslims (Khallid and Mohammed) who decided to follow Jesus at our last Seekers Weekend. Others are VERY CLOSE!! Pray, pray, pray!

REJUVENATING MARRIAGE!!

On Thursday nights, Vicki and I lead a "marriage enrichment" group with two couples from Poland (Mark and Kasia, Mirek and Beata) who became Christians through the ministry here. It's a growing time together for all of us and we have a lot of fun studying the Bible, sharing struggles and solutions, watching a video series on loving relationships (by Gary Smalley), and praying together. This opportunity grew from a common desire of Mark and Mirek's to be better husbands, which they expressed to me during our weekly discipleship study. Please pray for us and these new believers as we strive to build God-glorifying marriages.

REVIVING ROMANIA!!

In March I had the opportunity to do some teaching on evangelism in a couple Romanian churches. Many Christians want to take advantage of their new freedom and begin more aggressive evangelism but they don't know how. So several of us were invited to speak and to train, using some methods and principles that God has used in our lives. It was thrilling for us to see, on the day we left Romania, many of the Christians sharing Jesus publicly ON THE STREETS! Please pray for continued boldness and creativity, and please pray against divisive legalism and "resistance to change" that is common in Romanian churches.

RESCUING ORPHANS!!

Speaking of Romania...Vicki and I recently travelled there for quite a different reason. We are earnestly and prayerfully pursuing the opportunity of ADOPTING a Romanian orphan. We have chosen the boy (9 months old) that MAY be our next child. It broke our hearts (and still does) to have left him there in an orphanage with such DEPLORABLE conditions. The process is supposed to take longer than we were initially led to believe, and is a "bureaucratic nightmare". Please pray that God will shorten the process and that He will be especially near to Jordan Samuel McCracken until we can hold him in our arms again. There are several obstacles to overcome but we pray that God's will be done.

REASSIGNMENT: GREECE!!

Speaking of God's will...Vicki and I have been asked (along with another couple from our team--Shawn and Terri Willoughby) by the leadership of International Teams to begin a team that will lead a pioneering work of ministry to refugees in ATHENS, GREECE. There are many different refugees in Greece (Iranian, Iraqi, Ethiopian, Polish, Romanian, Turkish and others, as well as about 10,000 Philippino guest workers). As of yet there has been no established evangelical witness to the refugees there. After much prayer, thought, and discussion we believe that this is the call of God, and we have accepted. The plan is for us to "be in place" by November 1, 1990 (Yes! This fall!). We covet your continued prayers and support as many adjustments and much work will need to be accomplished for this new venture. More details to come.

REMEMBERING OUR SOURCE!!

To GOD be the glory! Great things HE has done! So much more could be shared now (like the several people who accepted the Lord at the recent showing of "Jesus of Nazareth", or the children coming to the Lord at Kids Clubs, or the Czech/Syrian who got saved at the last Seekers Weekend and said, "Finally I've found what I've been looking for all these years!", or...)! But GOD is the one doing it all! We praise Him and thank Him also for using people like you to help support the work here through YOUR prayers and gifts. You are such a valuable part of the team. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. We love and appreciate you more than you know.

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