ON-RAMPS: Hey SHAWSinAustria Team! Jesus didn’t start his ministry at the age of 30. He started it as an infant and child. He lived in and identified with His newly adopted culture and its people. Thirty years later he began His public message and ministry. It takes time to belong to and be accepted by a culture in which you are the foreigner (enoculturation). This is a chosen process of the missionary. Learning cultural rhythms, paradigms and key connections serve as ON-RAMPS. We are finding them in Vienna - and it is sometimes a slow, but a joyful process!

We have made contact with the 100 Iranian Refugees stuck in Vienna - mostly Christian. Chief Inspector Kopp introduced us to much of Vienna not seen by all. He invited us back. Gudrun Kugler (next to Kathy), is the National Director for Human Rights, a new friend. Baptizing a new, Spirit-filled believer in our home in Vienna. What a joy!

Foursquare Becoming Official in Austria

Our fellowship of Foursquare churches here have received the “go-ahead” from the European Council to officially register as Foursquare Austria. We are growing and this is a major milestone of becoming an appreciated, significant church in Austria. Kathy and I love working with the leadership team, led by Joachim and Mathilde Runck. I had the privilege of installing them as pastors of the Cornerstone Church in Linz in 2004 - a daughter church of the Frankfurt church we pastored. Now we get to come alongside them and submit to their leadership. The Kingdom of God is wonderful. We love these leaders.

Foursquare in the North Balkan Countries

I get to work with these pastors from the northern Balkan countries of Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Macedonia (Central). These are men working heroically under very challenging circumstances, with comparatively few resources. They are joyous comrades and are developing into a team with a magnetic vision for their region of the world and genuine, deep love for one another.

I get to gather them together, have some input, then make sure I stay out of their way as they do what God has called them to do in their respective nations and for their region. Eventually each of them will be part of a leadership team for their own nation, but for now we are working together as a region. I’m strategically located in Vienna to be near these amazing brothers whom I deeply respect and dearly love - and their families. They need prayer and support partners. Their vision is huge and they are praying for resources. God is opening doors, but they need a team of partners. Will you pray and ask God if you are one of them?

"VatersHaus" - Father's House Church in Vienna

We can rejoice that VatersHaus is helping build the Kingdom of God here in Vienna. We have experienced some ups and downs—not in terms of crises or problems, but that we have the privilege of serving and ministering to a number of people we have grown to love and then we lose some. Some have moved away. Some have grown in Christ, but because they have another mother tongue and struggle with German and/or English, find a church where their mother tongue is spoken. We can be thankful that we helped them on their journey. “One sows, one waters, but God gives the increase.” (1Corinthians 3:7)

Together, we are finding on-ramps to love and serve the people of Vienna. Viktoria, 2nd from left, front, has a vision to reach, encourage and minister to single mothers living in block-buildings in her neighborhood. Like reaching out to the Iranian refugees, this is another great need in the city and one we as a church can really get behind to make a difference for Jesus in these valuable people’s lives. We are researching connection points.

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Don’t stop praying! - We love you and are so grateful for you!

Joke of the Day

Be kind to your hairstylist. What is to prevent them from plucking one of your hairs and placing it at the scene of a crime?