

# NEWS from Jim and Lynette Hatcher

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Dear Praying Friend,

It is both strange and beautiful how God puts pieces into place. At the end of October, Lynette's cousin Anna (<https://annaferraromusic.com/>) along with her friend Courtney visited us in Vienna. That led to the thought of organizing a little "Hauskonzert", to which we would invite the families who live on our street. So, on October 27<sup>th</sup>, three of the four families on our street sat in our living room, listening to an hour of beautiful music (piano, violin, and voice) – both classical and some with roots in Germany's revival movement. After the concert, Lynette had prepared refreshments, with the hope that some would stay a while and chat. Well... They did stay, all of them – for over 2 and a half hours! Some of our neighbors, had actually never met each other before. It was a wonderful evening for building



relationships with our neighbors and opening doors for further conversations – which we pray will also lead to spiritual fruit.

Thank you so much for praying for this concert. Pray for M&R, F&S, and H&G, who attended, and for St.&S, who could not come, but very much wanted to.

Yesterday, Lynette and I celebrated Thanksgiving in a small way with good friends. When asked what we were thankful for, without a moment's hesitation we both mentioned the amazing blessing we enjoyed by having Kristiana, Cory, Rylynn, and Melody with us for 11 weeks, from the end of August until mid-November. With the life God has called us to live – far from family – we never hoped to think that we would have the joy of so many weeks together. We loved it! Thank you, Lord Jesus, for undeserved blessings like this.

The Millers are now on a journey (Illinois, Texas, California, and Illinois again) that we all hope will lead them back, Lord willing, to Ireland next summer. Please lift them up in prayer – for safe and stress-free travels, for Irish visas, for peace in times of uncertainty.

As we look back over these past few months, we are grateful for so many things. Here are just a few:

- GEM's Connecting Hearts retreat (major focus for Lynette in November). For many women in ministry across Europe, isolated and often discouraged, these retreats provide critical life-giving times for connecting with God and others.
- Jim's Central Europe Leadership Team's annual retreat in Vienna. This was my time to be with all of the field and area leaders in the region. It was a good weekend with some significant times of interaction on the challenges of leading the 75 plus GEM missionaries in our 6 fields/countries.

- Mentoring and discipling – We are leading some small groups plus involved with several individuals in our local church. (Pictured right are Josef, Pia, Anna, and Fogii with their two boys.) Helping these Austrians to grow in Christ is one of the absolute high points of our lives!



Looking forward to the coming weeks, please be in prayer for three upcoming trips:

- Strategic Planning Retreat for the new GEM-Hungary field, Dec. 4-5 in Budapest. (We had to postpone the retreat, originally planned for September, because of a death in the family of one of our teammates.)
- Field Retreat for the GEM-Romania field in Sibiu, Romania, Dec. 13-15.
- Trip to Zurich, Switzerland, after Christmas to meet with our GEM missionary, Kevin Flierl, and support him in one of his many December concerts. I also will be doing at least one research interview (hopefully two) along the way. Lynette and I will spend New Years with other GEM friends in Kandern, Germany.

One highlight from this past year I want to especially mention was the appointment of two families to launch new ministry in Hungary. I would like to ask you to pray particularly for one of those new



families – James and Virág Wheeler-Mezei. James and Virág, who, with toddler Sophie, moved in faith to a small house in a village in eastern Hungary in March. James and Virág currently have some critical financial needs. They are from the UK and Hungary, where they do not have a strong support base. Lynette and I have joined them in earnestly praying that the Lord would supply their current needs. Besides working to reach their community for Christ, Virág is using her writing skills to share her story of faith (<https://viragwm.com/>). This is an amazing young couple, and I'm so excited that God has brought them to work with us in GEM. Thanks for praying.

As we review this past year, 2019 has been full of blessings and not a few challenges. God has wonderfully taken care of us this past year and for that we want to thank all of you for your prayers and financial support. If you would like to give a special gift at the end of the year, here are three options (<https://www.gemission.org/donate>):

- “Hatcher” (on above website under “GEM missionary”)
- “Hungary Village Ministry”/James/Virág (under “GEM missionary”)
- “BAO”/Leadership training in Austria (under “Projects”)

Forever grateful, yours in Austria for Christ,

Jim and Lynette

Picture of Bri, Erik, Kristiana, and Cory, together in Wheaton on Thanksgiving 2019.

