



## Survey Trip

In August of 2005, our team completed a cornerstone step in the preparation process by traveling to Vienna for a survey trip. This trip provided our team with important insights into the culture and spirituality of the Austrians. Some of the specific tasks that were completed are below:

- Established relationships with Christians currently living in the city of Vienna.
- Conducted interviews with missionaries, Austrian Christians and various church leaders.
- Researched cost of living in Vienna and explored District 22 for possible church locations.
- Familiarized ourselves with the city and with each other in that cultural setting.

During our trip, the call to share the gospel in Vienna was reaffirmed by our Austrian brothers and sisters in Christ who encouraged us and invited us to come and share in the work of the kingdom. We are especially thankful for their love, support and guidance.



The Vienna Team with Rebecca Jackson and local Christians Scott and Sabine Hayes



Our home congregation, Memorial Road Church of Christ, has decided to serve as our overseeing congregation. We look forward to serving with the church in an internship capacity for at least six months prior to our departure and working together to expand God's kingdom in Europe.

## Prayers and Notes

We appreciate your loving support and continue to petition your prayers for the following items:

- Pray that God will continue to bless our preparation.
- Pray that God will use our internship with Memorial Road to strengthen our relationship with them and provide valuable ministry experience.
- Pray that God will continue to bless our team with unity.
- Pray that God will open many doors of opportunity for us in Vienna.
- Pray for the lost of Vienna.
- Pray for the existing churches in Vienna.
- Pray that God will provide the remainder of our financial support.

## Team Training

What does it take to become a missionary? The role of missionary is not any more important than local evangelists and every Christian who shares God's Word with his neighbor and friends, but working in a foreign culture does require training and preparation. Our Team has spent the last two years preparing for the work in Vienna by participating in seminars, workshops and hands-on experience. Our training has included the following:

- Interpersonal Relationship Workshop – A 35-hour workshop emphasizing conflict resolution.
- Team Missions seminar – A 35-hour seminar covering aspects specific to working as a team and beginning to develop our team goal. Our Team has prepared a Team Covenant that outlines the commitment we have made to each other, to the people in Vienna and to our supporting congregations.
- Church Planting Strategy seminar – A 35-hour seminar covering strategy methodology with an emphasis on Church Planting Movements. Our Team has prepared a Strategy document that outlines the team's goal and plan for achieving that goal.
- Survey trip – Our Team spent two weeks in Vienna meeting with local Christians, selecting a location to target, and investigating the city.

Our Team will continue to prepare for the next year as we raise funds and work with our overseeing congregation. Training has been facilitated by Missions Resource Network ([www.mrnet.org](http://www.mrnet.org)), an organization that helps churches of Christ prepare missionaries for work around the world.

## Family Focus



We are the Haskews: Jake, Amanda and Abby. We live in Edmond, Oklahoma and attend Memorial Road Church of Christ. Jake enjoys his current occupation as an RF Engineer for Sprint PCS, and Amanda loves working at home caring for 2-year old Abby. We enjoy spending time playing with our golden retriever, Daisy. When we have a little free time on our hands, Jake enjoys making home movies of Abby and playing football on his Playstation.

Thanks to Jake, his beloved Denver

Broncos have won many Superbowl championships. Amanda is honing her sewing skills and has produced several adorable outfits for Abby, her favorite model. Most of Abby's time is free, but she loves playing with her baby dolls and has developed a keen interest in soccer balls.

## District 22

During our survey trip last August, our Team had a goal of locating an area of the city in which to begin the work. We spoke with many local Christians and visited the city planning office to determine the best location. Based on the information we collected, the Team has decided to select a location in Donaustadt, also called District 22.

Donaustadt is located on the east side of the Danube River (called Donau in Austria). It is the largest district in area and the second largest in population. From 2001 to 2031, the number of inhabitants is expected to increase by 36%, making it the fastest growing district in Vienna. Donaustadt is an ideal location because it has the largest population of native Austrians. Since Vienna has a large transient population, it is important to work among people who will remain in Vienna so when our Team leaves, a strong, vibrant church remains.

## Upcoming Events

- July 16th - Memorial Road Church of Christ Missions Sunday. Memorial Road is providing financial support for the Team through Missions Sunday.
- Oct 12-14 - World Mission Workshop, Lubbock Christian University, Lubbock, TX