



Vienna Tidbits:

Did you know that the word 'Vienna' in German is spelled 'Wien' and pronounced 'Veen'? It comes from the Celtic word 'Vedunia' which means river in the woods. The river is referring to the Danube which flows through Vienna and the woods refer to the 'Vienna Woods' (Wienerwald) a wooded area in lower Austria that covers 385 sq miles!



Zaden Kael Lockwood was born August 7th and weighed in at 4 lbs 7 oz. He was 15 3/4" long and loves to play his daddy's XBOX!

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THE ADVENTURE BEGINS

In what is sure to be one of the greatest adventures of our lives, each family has made the transition from working in secular jobs to working for our overseeing congregation, the Memorial Road Church of Christ. Brian, Ira, Jake, and Josh have been blessed with the opportunity to work with the talented staff and under the oversight of the loving elders at Memorial Road during the first part of this year. Our time at Memorial Road will enable us to focus on fundraising while gaining invaluable experience working in a full-time ministry setting.

- **Preparing for the Mission**

During our time at Memorial Road, several men have invested significant amounts of time and thought into the continuing preparation for our mission to Vienna. Ken Beckloff, missionary to Kenya, has shared insights and wisdom from his mission experiences. Lloyd Deal, evangelist and former missionary, discussed with us his approach for reaching the lost and introduced us to World Bible School. Clyde Antwine, missionary to German-speaking Europe, has sacrificed several hours a week to tutor some of the members of our team in the German language.

- **Building Relationships**

Many of the elders at Memorial Road have also initiated opportunities to meet with each of the men on the team. Some have imparted wisdom from God's Word and their

past mission experiences. Others have shared from their business backgrounds. All have greatly encouraged our team and have demonstrated their loving support.

- **Serving the Church**

While the bulk of our time has been devoted to fundraising, we have had the opportunity to serve in various ministries of the church. We have taught classes, delivered food and money to people in need, organized community outreach events, helped a city-wide benevolence effort, and helped prepare a sermon series.

- **Fundraising Status**

Our team is currently fundraising for three separate funds we will need for our work in Vienna. The first and foremost is our salary which is broken down in the graph on the next page. As you can see, we still lack 10% of our entire team's salary. Once we have the entire team's salary raised we will work toward raising our work fund. This support will be used for office rent and utilities, small group expenses, communications expenses, ministry expenses, and our on-going language training. In addition to these areas, we need funds for our one-time relocation expenses. We are thankful for the generosity and encouragement we have received so far and we look forward to those who will partner with us in the near future.

VIENNA'S PREPARATION—JAKE

Amanda and I had the opportunity to spend twelve days in Vienna at the beginning of November. We visited a bilingual kindergarten, met with the churches in Vienna, worshiped with the English speaking congregation, and conducted several interviews. What amazes me the most about that trip is while we are preparing here in the states with classes, seminars, and German lessons, God is at work in Vienna putting people in place to help in our transition and ministry before we even get there! It helps to remind me to always keep things in perspective "... God works for the good of



Amanda, Matt, and Stephanie

those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28. A great example of that is Matt and Stephanie Richards. They contacted us through

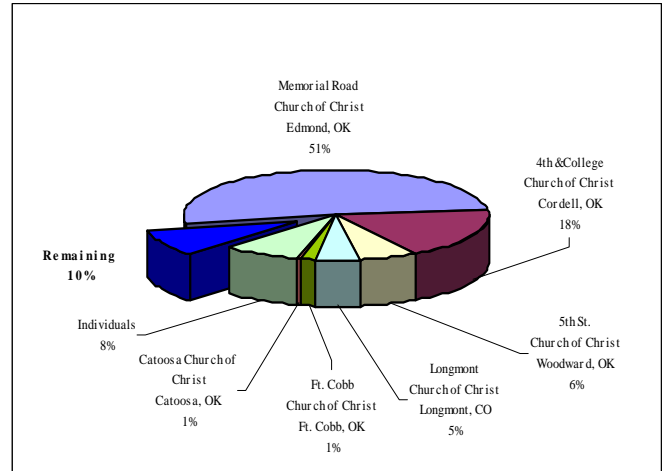
PARENTING IN MISSIONS—IRA

This year God has brought a wonderful blessing into our lives with the arrival of Zaden. He has shown Kari and I both a new insight into the greatness of God's love and creation. Some people might think we are crazy for taking Zaden overseas to start the new work in Vienna. Since I am not an expert in parenting or parenting on the mission field for that matter, we have often asked former missionaries and their children for advice in this area. They have shared some pretty important benefits to raising children on the mission field that are worth considering. Who knows maybe you will be looking for a career change soon. If you do decide to become a missionary, here are some of the benefits for your children.

THE ROAD TO THIS PLACE—BRIAN

For nearly three years, Alisha and I have been working and preparing for mission work in Vienna, Austria. God has richly blessed us in many ways: sponsoring congregations and generous individuals who are funding this ministry, others who are diligently praying for the lost in Vienna, a wonderful mission team with whom we may work, and supportive families.

It reminds me of what Paul wrote in I Corinthians, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been



Team Salary Support Status

our website and have since become good friends and encouragers of our work. They teach at the Vienna Christian School having left jobs in the US to answer God's call! The Vienna Christian School which has mostly non-Christian students teaches K-12 with a Christian focus.

- Multiple languages - Most children growing up on the mission field usually learn to speak, read, and write at least two languages fluently.
- Appreciation of diversity - They learn a broader world view from the other cultures they live in.
- Kingdom view - They experience the fact that God's kingdom extends beyond borders, race, and wealth.



Zaden loves to smile!!

making it grow." I don't believe that any one person can accomplish this task alone. We couldn't go to Vienna without a network of churches and individual Christians sponsoring us and praying for us.

It is important to remember that Alisha and I are not the product of three years of missions preparation, we the product of many, many years of teaching and instruction from our parents and from the church. There have been many teachers who put time into church camps, Sunday school

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classes, devotionals, and several other events that influenced us. The decision to go to Vienna was a direct result of the

HENSAL FAMILY PREPARATION—JOSH

As our family approaches our departure for Vienna, Kim and I are preparing for the relocation of our three children. Kim continues to spend time researching the various schooling options for our children via the Internet and email conversations with Americans and Austrians living in Vienna who have placed their children in different school settings. We remind our children of the places we visited in Vienna when we were there in August 2005, and we remind them of their favorite part of Vienna as well — the ice cream. Carli and Caleb are polishing up on their German as we teach them new words and phrases. Cotter is ready to go anywhere — as long as there is food and his siblings.

investment so many godly people have placed in us throughout our lives.

We still have many details to work through as a family and a team in finalizing our preparation and departure. We ask that you pray for our family and team as we embark upon this great adventure. Pray that Carli, Caleb, and Cotter will adjust well and that Kim and I will not only share Christ's love with the lost of Vienna but that we will diligently impart God's love to our children.



Carli, Cotter, and Caleb