



Vienna Tidbits: Since the 1960s people from all over the globe have enjoyed Vienna's Schönbrunn Palace. The palace and its gardens host some 6.7 million visitors annually.



Prayer Requests:

Carla Calhoun, Kari's Aunt, is recovering from a stroke.

Zaden Lockwood is recovering from surgery.

Anne Haskew, Jake's mom, recovering from eye surgery.

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FAMILY AND STEWARDING CHURCHES WORKSHOPS

Family Workshop

On April 13 and 14 the Vienna Team hosted a workshop for our families. During this workshop we honored our parents, brothers and sisters, and close friends for the impact they have made in our lives. More than anything else, it is the lessons we learned from our parents that have shaped our identity as individuals, families, and as a mission team; this was our opportunity to express our gratitude for their contribution to the upcoming work in Vienna.

Bob Waldron and Phil and Rebecca Jackson of Missions Resource Network helped conduct the workshop by leading discussions on the benefits of living abroad, culture shock, and answering questions about being the parents, grandparents, and siblings of missionaries. The sessions conducted by Bob and Phil and Rebecca were very beneficial to the mission team as well as to our families because they provided information that will help us through the next few months.

The workshop was a great success, and the opportunity to see all of our most ardent supporters together was a lot of fun. It was a blessing to include our families in our vision for Vienna, and we know that everyone who participated in the workshop walked away with a better understanding of the need for Christ in Europe and a better understanding of how we believe this ministry will address that need. Most importantly, for the members of our team, we were able to

honor our parents and other family members for all the things they have taught us over the years that have culminated in our decision to plant the church in Vienna, Austria.

Stewarding Churches Workshop

Following our family workshop, the Vienna Team hosted a workshop for all the churches working with us through financial support. Again, Bob Waldron and Phil and Rebecca Jackson helped conduct this workshop, and they did a marvelous job of discussing the respective roles of the stewarding church and the mission team. Other topics discussed include the expectations of missionaries, the expectations of churches, keys to nurturing missionaries, and the building of a successful partnership between missionaries and sponsors. This workshop was a tremendous success and all in attendance walked away



with a strong desire to see a successful and fruitful ministry in Vienna.

~ Brian

Scenes from the Family Workshop

FUNDRAISING STATUS

This month God provided a few generous individuals to nearly complete our team's salary need through their ongoing support and a construction company that made a significant contribution to our relocation expenses. Since our salary need is almost complete, we have transitioned to our final, ongoing need—the work fund.

Our work fund will enable us to purchase Bibles, continue our German language training, conduct outreach events in the community, maintain office space, and a variety of other ministry-related activities. To initiate this portion of our fundraising, we have begun approaching many of the former participants in Oklahoma Christian's Vienna Studies Program.

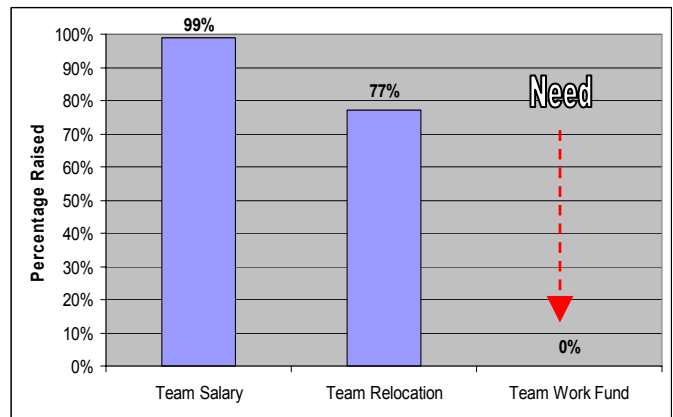
STRATEGY SERIES #3: WHERE DO WE PLAN TO EVANGELIZE?

Note: Go to www.viennateam.org to see previous articles in this series.

Although the easy and obvious answer to this question is Vienna, the practicality of the matter is that Vienna has 2 million people with an area of 175 sq miles, divided into 23 districts. That is roughly the area of Wichita, KS. Given the diverse ethnic and social backgrounds spread across such a large area, initial evangelism on a citywide basis is not feasible. Even Paul's examples of urban evangelism are not conducted on a citywide basis but target a specific area or group of people. Targeting a section of the city and spreading out from that point is a logical approach to evangelizing a city the size of Vienna.

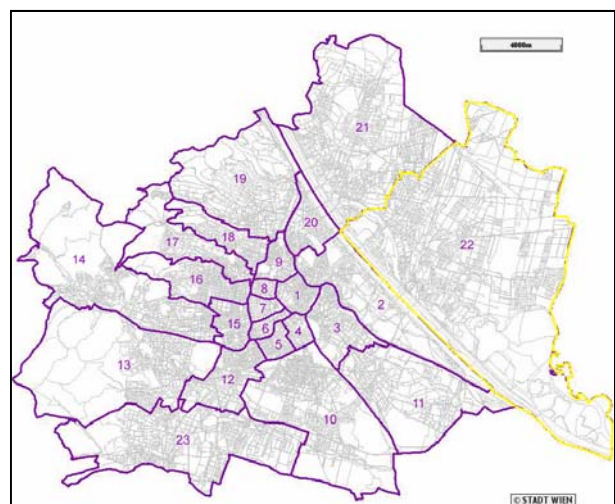
We have chosen the section of the city to evangelize primarily on two sources of information: interviews with Christians and professionals living in Vienna and statistics about the city of Vienna that are found on the city's website (www.wien.gv.at). We based our decision on the following key information: what area of the city is growing the fastest, where are people in our age range and life situation (recently married and starting families) likely to live and/or move in the next few years, does the city have any major development plans? As we prayed and asked God to lead us to where He would have us evangelize and analyzed the

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We appreciate your support and ask that you pray for God to provide the remainder of our relocation expenses and our work fund. ~ Josh

information we gathered, an area of the city known as District 22 came to light. It is projected to be the fastest growing district in terms of population growth between 2001 and 2031. The city is investing in this district's development by expanding the underground public transportation system, improving roads, and building offices, services, and industrial space. Visiting the district on our Survey Trip increased our desire to establish the church in District 22, and we are eager to discover God's plans for us. ~ Jake



Map of Vienna, Austria Divided by Districts

"We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me." ~ Colossians 1:28-29