



TEEN CAMP 2019

When the Haskews and I started up the teen camp again 4 years ago, we didn't really know what we were doing, only that there were a bunch of teens without a summer camp, who were aching for fellowship and time away from their stressful home lives. 4 years later, this event has become one of my favorites of the year. Once again in July, about 15 teens from Vienna, Graz and France made the trek to Schwarzwaldeckhaus, the house in the Alps owned by the churches of Christ in Austria.

Because of the restrictions of furlough, the Haskews weren't able to participate again this year, but luckily I was able to recruit some amazing helpers to make sure the week ran smoothly



Elliott and Lucy with Sara after the color war

anyways. Flo and Ali Krassnig were instrumental, with Flo running the kitchen and Ali helping create activities and craft times, and connecting so well with the teens. We also had Bobby from our church, our intern Ashley, and Anya from the church in Graz.

Most special to me, Holly and the kids were able to make it this year! Although Holly had to leave halfway through for wisdom teeth surgery, Elliott and Lucy stayed the whole week and they had a BLAST. Staying up late, playing with adoring teens at all hours, seeing cows and mountains, having dance parties and color wars.... They were absolutely exhausted by the end of each day. But they've been asking ever since to go back to the "mountain house."

This year's theme was "People After God's Own Heart." We looked at the life of David and



The group of Jugendlager (Teen Camp) 2019

how he was able to be honest with God, expressing all of his various emotions through the Psalms. We looked at different types of Psalms and explored how the teens could learn to be honest and open with God in the same way. They even tried to write their own Psalm to him by the end of the week. I think it connected well with the current circumstances of the teens and I pray that they carried something back home with them.

We're already looking forward to next year. Please keep the teenagers who always return to Teen Camp in your prayers.

-Will

TEEN INITIATIVE IN GRAZ



Playing games with the Graz teens

One of the very first opportunities Jake and I had to serve here in Austria was at the mountain house the churches in Austria, Germany and Switzerland operate. Over the years, we attended kids' camp and then a few years ago were blessed to host the first teen camp in several years. During that first kids' camp we met some wonderful kids from the church in Graz.

It has been a joy to see them growing into young adults and hear about their lives when they are not on the side of the mountain with us. However, we are not able to be at teen camp every year due to our summer furlough time back in the US. So, in an effort to stay connected to that group and allow Abby to see her friends from there we made a trip to Graz in April.

The church in Graz was so wonderfully welcoming, as they always are, to us. We've enjoyed visiting this little church several times over the last 12 years, but this time was even more of a blessing.

We arrived on a Saturday afternoon and met at the church building to host an evening of

games and pizza, followed by a short devotional. We had a great turnout and it was so fun to catch up with the kids.

Well, everything went so well, the leaders of the Graz church

asked Jake and I to come back once a quarter for a teen event. We've excitedly embraced this opportunity and made a second visit in September. This time we held our Saturday evening event and then taught the teenage bible class on Sunday morning. Again we had a great turnout and everyone had a really great time.

We're looking forward to our next trip to Graz in November. Please keep all the teens and us in your prayers as we walk down this path together.

-Amanda

U!SHINE UPDATE

U!Shine Vienna has started up again with a new vision for the 2019-2020 year: storytelling. Under the umbrella of mental health education and awareness, U!Shine Vienna intends to connect people together through their individual stories in a space overflowing with the virtues of the Holy Spirit.

Because of this switch in mission, the non-profit has been given opportunities that were not previously available, opportunities for which the U!Shine Vienna team is immensely grateful. Since September, we have been leading two young adult theater groups through a curriculum called Healthy Habits, a discussion based, goal oriented class which seeks to facilitate healthy habits within the life of a person's Physical, Mental/Emotional, Social,

and Spiritual health. I'm also presenting this same material at the Rothenburg retreat this year!

To wind down the fall season, U!Shine Vienna will host its second U!Tell It event in which eight individuals from the community will perform a 'story' for an audience. It's my deepest hope that this new focus will bring the unlikeliest of friends together in good health, love, and compassion.

-Holly



Talking mission and vision for 2020

PICTURES FROM THE FIELD



Recent Sunday morning (Photo: Brandon Price)



Teen Camp group



Color War



S'mores!



Iranian birthday party



The Haskews attended the Fall Conference in Gmunden, Germany, with other European Christians

HASKEW FURLOUGH 2019



managed to sneak a quick surprise party in after worship on Sunday. If you know my parents, they don't like the spotlight, but they were good sports and allowed us to celebrate them for once.

their passport) and all the challenges that it entails. She had a great time and is already asking about attending again.

As part of our time in Oklahoma this year, we got to share with Westwood Church of Christ all the amazing things God is doing in Vienna. It was really good to get to know some of the members there and spend time in worship as well as getting to see Chance and Jenny Vanover.

We were not able to pack everything in this time that we would like so if we didn't get a chance to see you, we apologize and hope to see you in 2021!

-Jake

It is 2019, which means for the months of July and August the Haskew family is making the flight over the pond to the USA for furlough. Our schedule has pretty much been the same since our first furlough back in 2009. This year we had a couple of nice highlights that we'd like to share.

First is that my niece Rachel got to be with us while we were in Colorado. The girls always enjoy getting to spend time with their cousins when they can. We had a great little celebration for my parents' 50th wedding anniversary (my Dad is not a big fan of parties). We had the family celebration last year (with all the cousins), this year we just

Another first for us this year was Abby attending Third Culture Teen Camp as part of InterMissions Global Reunion held at Oklahoma Christian University. This camp (along with the others being held as part of Global Reunion) is a great opportunity for teens to interact with others in their same situation (that is living in a country (or countries) that is different from



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