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I was born in Burbank, CA, while my parents were in the service. I attended kindergarten and first grade on an Air Force base in Japan. We returned to York when I was 8 years old, and this has been my home since. I have one younger sister who is married and lives in York. My family is saved. After graduating from York Suburban, I got a job in an office and lived with my family. During this time the Holy Spirit was drawing me to seek God. Through reading the New Testament I was convicted of my sinful nature and realized I could never meet the requirements of a holy God. On March 10, 1967, I went to see the Billy Graham film, "The Restless Ones", playing at the local theater. That night I was saved through the righteousness of Jesus Christ. I was 19 years old. I joined the York Gospel Center, and through hearing missionary speakers, God confirmed to me that He wanted me to be a missionary. I attended Prairie Bible Institute. My life verse is Matthew 6:33.

While attending Bible school, I spent two summers as a summer missionary with CEF in York County. After graduation I joined The Bible Club Movement in 1973. I spent three years teaching children's Bible classes in Fulton, NY. During this time I spent two summers with Operation Mobilization in Austria. In 1978 I went to Austria under BCM International, Inc. My first two terms, I did literature distribution to East Europeans, personal evangelism among refugees, and literature development for Eastern Europe. In February 1987 I began my third term as a missionary on loan to Slavic Gospel Association working at a refugee camp in Bad Kreuzen, Austria. In September 1988 I had to return to the States for medical reasons.

I returned to the refugee ministry in Bad Kreuzen, which has been transferred from SGA to International Teams. The refugees come from Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Africa and South America. The largest number of refugees at present come from Afghanistan and Iran. We have a team of six missionaries from three countries. We also have an extended team member from Iran who is ministering in Linz. The main focus of our ministry is evangelism and discipleship. We have a Sunday evening service in the refugee camp chapel. The message is translated into several languages. We use children's ministry, English or German lessons, videos, visitation, and Bible studies to reach the refugees with the Gospel.

Another important part of our ministry is helping the refugees with immigration and asylum by filling out applications and writing appeals for those who are denied asylum. At present, I am traveling to five different towns for weekly or bi-weekly Bible studies with refugees and immigrants. I also am in charge of the team literature. I also drive refugees to the various refugee agencies where they can get material and legal help.

One of I.T.'s goals is to get the Austrian churches more involved in the ministry. We are thankful that the Baptist church in Linz, and a Free church in Amstetten are very interested in the ministry and have put on special programs for the refugees here in the camp. Another goal is to have the teams more international. We currently have Australians, Britains and Americans on our team. In the past we have had Canadians, Iranian and Serbian team members. Another goal is to get a van so we can transport more refugees.

Where currently serving: Bad Kreuzen, Austria, near Linz
Date of present assignment: October 1998
Date of next scheduled furlough: 2002
Duration of furlough: 4 to 5 months
Date of COD's beginning support: October 1977; April 1992
Birthdate: August 26, 1947
Hobbies: Biking, hiking, reading

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