



Schladming, April 8th, 2021

Dear Spring School Students,

In our last letter, we promised we would be giving you an update regarding Spring Bible School 2021 by the beginning of April. Well, here we are.

The Austrian Government convened at the beginning of this week, but against all hope, did not make any further announcements pertaining to the reopening of borders, international travel, tourism etc. As a result, we cannot at this point provide you with any updates concerning the current regulations. Things are the same as what they were in our last letter to you in March. Entry regulations, such as quarantine upon arrival in Austria, have been prolonged until May 31st.

As a team, we came together and reevaluated the situation. We asked and continue to ask for God's wisdom, just as he tells us to do in James 1: 5. Seeking God's will can sometimes be challenging. What does He want us to do? What is the right thing to do? This is probably a question many of you are struggling with, especially during these uncertain times.

Generally speaking, it seems more and more unlikely to be able to welcome all of you here on May 2nd. However, here at Tauernhof, we still believe it to be our mission and calling to take *every possible step* to welcome people on our premises and minister to them. After all, that is exactly what we are here for.

We have therefore concluded that we will once more postpone the beginning of Bible School. We understand how frustrating this news can be, but we hope you will agree with us that *if* there is a slight chance of Bible School occurring, we ought to pursue it entirely.

We are now planning to offer Spring Bible School 2021 from June 1st to June 26th.

We believe that with God's help, we can make those (almost) **four weeks** here at Tauernhof worthwhile, filled with biblical teaching, crazy fun sports, beautiful mountains, life-giving fellowship and other great activities.

We understand that with this news, some of you will want to make other plans. No hard feelings from our side. We are aware of how much this stretches your flexibility. We would ask, therefore, that each of you let us know *at your earliest convenience* whether or not you plan to attend Bible School, should it take place in June. It would really help us with our planning. Of course, the fees will be adapted to the new dates.

We also know that the shortened school might attract others, who might not have been able to apply for other reasons before. Perhaps you can help us by spreading the word! If some are hesitating because they struggle with the English language, we would love to help out by translating lectures (ENG to GER) to a certain extent. If some want to join for a week or two, we are happy to welcome you as well.

We expect many of you will have questions at this point. Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time. Remember, however, that in terms of laws, rules, regulations and everything else pertaining to COVID19, we probably know just as much as you do.

You will hear from us again mid-May at the latest, hopefully with more details about your upcoming trip to Austria.

Finally, we would like to encourage you with these verses, taken from Romans 8:

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. [...] Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? [...]

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

In Christ united,

David Hines (Principal)

& The Bible School Team