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Dear Friends,

We could not have had a more spectacular finish to the season than the one the Lord provided for us in Vienna earlier this month! *David F. Irby, CEO - Surge*

Gillian McPherson Saves Her Best For Last! - In her final game of her two years in Vienna with us Gillian scored the winning goal to give her team the League Championship! The former Captain of the Biola Women's Soccer Team served faithfully in Vienna. She led an SBUX Bible study; organized the SBUX leaders Unity Dinner; and traveled on short term mission trips to Liberia and Kosovo (twice).

Stefan Ostergren Scores and His Team Wins Cup Final! - In his final game in Austria Stefan scored a goal as his team won the Toto Cup 2-1. In his three years in Austria Stefan served faithfully at CIG Church, and was one of the worship leaders; while his wife Liz, in her two years in Vienna, worked tirelessly behind the scenes at CIG, our partner church and traveled to Kosovo to support the work there.

Anthony Whitlatch Persevered! – With Anthony we have a dynamic story of “perseverance.” At the mid-season break in the season Anthony's team informed the players that they couldn't pay them anymore. Anthony and Karissa were dependent on that “expense money” to keep them in Vienna. Many of Anthony's teammates quit the team but Anthony felt led to stay, in spite of the difficult odds. He faithfully attended training and matches, even when injured. He opened his Bible before games in the locker room, which led to conversations with his teammates about the Lord. He and Karissa led an SBUX Bible study, and they also ministered in Kosovo. Karissa implemented the “Healing the Soul” ministry for women at CIG church.

Surge Notes: While Stefan, Liz, Anthony, Karissa & Gillian are moving “home”, **Kinsey Chavez, MidAmerica Nazarene University has arrived in Vienna** for tryouts and ministry projects...Senior VP **Al Lotz** is starting new projects in **Peru and Mongolia**. Please pray for us as the Lord continues to expand our work.