



Impact Austria

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Shawn and Chapa

Making a Major Spiritual Impact!

An Exciting summer

We have so much to share with you, God has been doing amazing things in our lives and ministry here in Austria! This past summer Chapa and I moved to Salzburg the city known for the sound of music. We were pastoring Salzburg Christian Center which Vienna Christian Center planted on Sept. 17, 2006. Pastoring a church was an exciting new experience for us which brought much growth in our lives and ministry! Chapa was used by God in leading this young fellowship in worship and



Chapa Leading Worship

Shawn preached the Purpose Driven Life series during the months of July and August.



Shawn Preaching

During the summer months we saw 8 new commitments for Christ as well as others who rededicated their lives to the Lord! Edisa and her son Mersat were from Muslim backgrounds, God gripped their hearts with the saving power of Jesus Christ, set them free from bondages and were even filled with the Holy Spirit. Gertraud, a woman who had a family history involved in

New fruit for the Kingdom



New Believers Cell group

witch craft saw dramatic transformation when she gave her life to the Lord! She is now being disciplined and is growing in her walk with the Lord.

As a part of the Purpose Driven Life series we opened a cell group to discuss the topics further. Transformation began to happen to Martin in cell group, he has been a Christian for many years. Martin's eyes were opened to see the value of being connected to the body of Christ in closer fellowship.

Another testimony worth sharing is Sabine. She is a local from the Salzburg area where God set her free from many ties of the past and her heart burned with a fire to be used by God. She opened a new cell group in order to mentor and disciple the new people who were coming to faith. The Photo to the left shows 4 of the new believers with Sabine in the middle behind the 9 year old boy Mersat who gave his heart to God this summer.



Purpose Driven Life Cell group

Our Vision

Our Vision as a church is to make a major Spiritual Impact in Vienna, in Austria, in Europe and around the world through winning the lost and making disciples of all nations!!

Water Baptism in a local lake!!

Another very memorable time from our ministry this summer was our baptism. Four of the people from the church who either got saved or rededicated their lives to God, had a burning desire to be baptized. For Gerhard, Gertraud and Edisa they had a demanding work schedule with only one day free



Baptizing Gertraud

church came out to celebrate this next step in the lives of Gertraud, Gerhard, Angelica, Connie, and Edisa. The fellowship and prayer after the baptism was an amazing celebration! What a joy and honor it was to see this baptism take place!

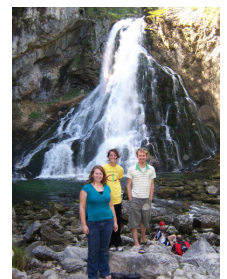
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each week. We put it on the calendar for July 31st and announced the Baptism ceremony in the service. When the day came we had one other lady come who said she too would like to be baptized. We baptized five people that day and a total of 15 people from the

Friends!

During the summer we also got to see some beautiful



Golling Falls

sights around Salzburg. A few friends were able to come down from Vienna and spend a night with us and here we saw the Golling falls together!!



Happy Birthday!



That's right Chapa celebrated her birthday this summer in Salzburg

on August 19th! We had a beautiful day to celebrate dinning out at a Greek restaurant with some of her friends she was singing with

Friends from Salzburg



in the Salzburg Festival. After lunch we went to a beautiful lake for a short little boat ride!!

Family Comes to Salzburg

This summer Shawn's brother Austin went on a mission trip to Honduras. He had a God encounter on his trip and came home a different person. So much happened when Shawn talked with him on the phone one thing led to another and before we knew it, it was decided he should come to Austria and speak in the church and share what God had done! He not only came but traveled as well with



Shawn's Family visit in Salzburg

Shawn's parents to Salzburg for 10 days. From August 28th to Sept. 6 Robin, Mim and Austin spent time with Chapa and Shawn in a holiday apartment 1 hour south of Salzburg in the heart of the Alps Mountains. Austin did share from his trip to Honduras not only in the main service but in the cell group as well. In the service after sharing Austin played the piano and Shawn gave an altar call and the power and presence of God fell in the room that night!!!



Heart of the Alps

Taking a leap of Faith!

On of the reasons for being in Salzburg this summer was that Chapa had a singing contract with the Salzburg Festival. She had been singing professionally since coming to Austria. However after giving her heart to the Lord in 2002 this desire to sing on stage has been dying out with a new desire to work for the Lord in full time ministry. God has been doing an amazing work in her life over the last five years. She has gone through all the discipleship courses in Vienna Christian Center which includes an Encounter weekend retreat, Alpha course (new believers class), School of leaders (a 9 month discipleship

training), she has even done several Bible college courses which have been offered through the church. Not only has she gone through the education side but also has been personally mentored and disciplined by our Pastor's wife. To the point now she is in the top leadership team, leading a cell group and even teaching and ministering in the School of Leaders.

This summer became a defining moment in her life where it became very clear that singing professionally is not the call that God has for her. After coming back to Vienna Shawn and Chapa made a decision to take a step of faith and see her enter

full time ministry! No longer will she be sing for a career or for financial benefits. We will continue to believe that God is our provider and will meet all of our financial needs according to his riches in Glory by Christ Jesus.

Specifically Chapa will be working with the worship team, building a choir, directing the Christmas and Easter Musicals, working with the consolidation team, as well as working with Shawn in the School of Leaders as one of the teachers. This is just a few of the main roles she will be taking on at this time with a wide variety of other involvements.

Personal news!

The victories this summer have been amazing! They have come at a price though, first of all in June Shawn went into surgery to remove the appendix, we praise God they got it in time before serious complications. We praise God for a full recovery and he is doing well!!! Insurance covers 80% of the bill leaving \$1,800 for us to pay.

Secondly, in Salzburg we were involved in a small car accident with no injuries, just damage costs of about \$1,700 we praise God for His provision and testify this is paid in full!!!

One last thing:

We are making plans to come to the states for about 2 1/2 months. Our goal is to be home for Christmas and stay till the end of Feb. 2008

Thank you so much for your love and prayers, we are praying for you and believing for God's best in your lives!

Blessings,
Shawn and Chapa Ginder

Prayer Request:

- Wisdom and anointing as Shawn is now the assistant to Pastor Tom and Chapa is in full time ministry.
- Financial provision for our needs to be met as we take the step of Faith with Chapa being in full time ministry
- Chapa's visa to live in Austria to be renewed this fall so we can travel in Dec.
- Medical bills to be paid off completely!

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