Dear

"I am bearing Your truth moment by moment. Let me never forget, You are the God of everything- You will be exalted in all the earth, including Wien, Austria!"

I (Jennifer) wrote these words on a crisp fall day in September, 2002, while sitting in the shadow of one of Vienna's finest buildings- the Stephansdom. While this extravagant exterior is impressive, it is also empty, as most residents of European countries like Austria, the Czech Republic, and Hungary are decidedly atheists. I was struck by the spiritual darkness that palpably surrounded these beautiful locations. After my study abroad program in Vienna, my heart remained fixed on the dream of returning to these areas to proclaim the beauty and truth of God's love through the power of classical music. Around that time, I met Michael Sust as he served as the music pastor in my home church. Matt and I were honored to have Michael sing at our wedding in July 2005 and have remained friends. Michael has been an encouragement to us in our vocation of music ministry and first asked us to accompany him on a "*musicianary*" trip to the Czech Republic in 2005. While we were unable to go then, we yearned to see how God could use our specific talents and abilities for His kingdom mission through music. We knew that God had something special planned and waited for His timing.

Now almost 20 years later, we are delighted to go on a unique music-evangelism mission to Central Europe this summer with Michael and his ministry, Vertical Fellowship. Our team of Christian singers and musicians will travel to the **Czech Republic**, **Austria**, **and Hungary**, **June 6-16**, **2024**, to share the gospel through music, testimonies, and the presentation of God's Word. Matt and I are so excited to partner with Vertical Fellowship to offer our musical talents for the growth of God's kingdom and to praise the name of the LORD.

During our trip, we will work with partnering churches and church plants as well as school organizations such as the <u>KOS Choir</u> in Litomyšl, Czech Republic and the <u>International Christian</u> <u>School in Vienna</u>, Austria. Most of our audiences will be non-believers, and we believe that God will use our music to open the door to boldly share the Gospel. We also will joyfully bring our three children along for this trip, and our prayer is that Cecilia (16), Marco (12), and Genevieve (9) will witness the power of God's work, as well as experience first-hand His desire to redeem the lost

The total cost of this trip is estimated at <u>3,000 dollars</u> per person. As we are raising the funding for our entire family of five, we know that only God will make this possible through His provision. *Would you be willing to participate in this mission via financial support?* Any amount will help! Having taken trips like these before (to England and Kenya), we have seen the power of music communicate Gospel truths through the work of the Holy Spirit, and we are excited to see Christ's light shine this summer!

You can make an online tax-deductible donation through our sending organization, Vertical Fellowship, at <u>www.wegovertical.org/give</u>. Please type our names (*Mazzoni family*) in the "Note:' box to designate your contribution. You can also mail your donation to Vertical Fellowship, Inc./4312 SW Elaine Court, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34953. Please use the enclosed return envelope to send your gift and make your check payable to "Vertical Fellowship" with "*Mazzoni Family*" written in the memo line. Please enclose the tear-off portion on the back of this letter with your donation. Also, please pray for us as we prepare for mission trip, prepare the repertoire of music we will be presenting, and raise support through friends like you. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this mission as we seek to continue God's work in Central Europe!

In His Love,



Jennifer on study abroad in Vienna, 2002



Jennifer & Matt playing in England, 2018



Matt in Kenya, 2019



Vertical Fellowship – Serving God in Czechia, Austria and Hungary, June 6-16, 2024 *Psalm 57:9 – I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nation.*



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