

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

*Who among the gods is like you, O Lord? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders? **Exodus**
15:11*

Becky and I, along with two other missionary couples, were in the beginnings of planting a new church in Voecklabruck, Austria in 1985.

One Saturday night in fall there was a knocking at the door at 9 pm. A family of six awaited us. We didn't know them; but the children knew our children from school. They had been going through the neighborhood to find us, asking where the "Ami" family lived.

The mom, Ilse, had an American friend in Salzburg who was having a birthday soon. She wanted an angel food cake and Ilse was determined to get her one. Becky already had a proper form. The miracle was that just a few weeks before, an angel food cake mix came from the States in the mail. We never asked for it and we don't know who sent it, but there it was, all Ilse needed.

We had a great conversation with our new friends and they came the next day to the Sunday service at our house. Over the following years they came to faith in Christ and were a vital part of the church plant. One son, Markus, became a valued helper in the development of our Bible-lesson-centered craft projects.

That fellowship became the Voecklabrucker Free Church. In 2016, they will move into the new church facility they are building near the center of town.

Dear God, You are glorious in how You work even through an angel food cake! We thank you for Your gift of Jesus and the celebration of His birth this Advent. May our hearts be open to see your majesty, holiness, glory and wonders. Amen.

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