

# MISSIONARY PROFILE

## Bernhard and Shelley Suppan

Intermediate Missionaries to Austria

Missionary # 152637

Transportation: Car/van

Who Is Traveling: Bernhard, Shelley, Savannah and occasionally Joshua



**Bernard** was born on August 6, 1967. He speaks English and German. His missionary involvement includes:

- Holy Ghost services (both Brother and Sister Suppan actively work the altar for all age groups)
- street evangelism
- church planting
- endtime prophecy service with multimedia presentations
- leading and training church members in effective outreach (door-to-door evangelism, bus ministry, block parties, etc.)
- visitor follow up
- discipleship and leadership training
- church growth coaching
- usher and altar worker training
- Sunday school attendance drives
- Teaching Bible studies
- Bible school teaching

**Shelley** was born on October 1, 1971. She speaks English and German. Her missionary involvement includes:

- prayer warrior
- certified Sunday school teacher
- outreach ministry

- teaching young ladies
- bus ministry
- Sunday school and children's ministry training
- writing of Sunday school curriculum and lessons
- coordinating puppet ministry events

Son **Joshua**, age 18, speaks English and German. Is able to speak to peers. His missionary involvement includes:

- outreach and street evangelism
- teaching Bible studies
- youth service leader
- daughter works service leader
- Sunday school teacher
- puppet ministry; children's ministry
- assists with sound and multimedia

Daughter **Savannah**, age 16, speaks English and German. Is able to speak to peers.

Her missionary involvement includes:

- musician for Vienna church and daughter works
- assists with sound and multimedia
- church office work

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### **Biography**

Growing up in Vienna, Bernhard desired to know God, yet had no concept of who He really was. At the age of twelve he prayed, "If there is a God, then I want to know You." Shelley, a native of Texas, knew from her early childhood that she would be involved in missionary work. Bernhard and Shelley met in Texas in 1989, one week after the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Bernhard studied at Jackson College of Ministries, ministered in Central Texas and assisted for seven years at Austin Tabernacle, where he held street services and

preached Acts 2:38 in downtown Austin, with people receiving the Holy Ghost and being baptized. While he was preaching at a prison service in Lockhart, Texas, a woman from Berlin, Germany, spoke to him. It was then that the Lord began to deal with Brother Suppan about returning to Austria to minister to people in the German language, his native tongue.

Since 2008 the Suppan family has worked as AIMers in Austria and as assistant pastor in the headquarters church. With missionary Charles Robinette, they planted and pastored the first daughter work in Zwettl, Austria. Brother Suppan preaches and teaches leadership in the Austria Ministry Training Center in Nuremberg, Germany. They have two children, Joshua and Savannah, who are involved in various ministries in the Vienna church and in daughter works.

In March 2009, Bernhard and Shelley Suppan received their appointment as United Pentecostal Church missionaries to Austria. Upon returning to the field they will teach and train national ministers and help plant four new churches, establish a college campus ministry and develop a regional Bible quizzing program.