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An open word about Germany and the refugees!

Dear IDO friends from far away!

Many people are asking me about the situation in Germany and the hundred-thousands of refugees and what they saw in different news.

Let me send you this email. Please hand it around.

There are no violating problems in Germany, whatever maybe presented by any tv-station! We all know about the effects of spectacular – mostly shocking – pictures – from some special places.

Yes there are some people who do not like the refugees possibly get a new home in Germany. But these unfortunate behavior and issues are the absolute minority. It can happen here and there but there are no threats at all to you and us. The “normal” German is shocked about this disgusting behavior and tries from the bottom of the hearts to be very helpful and welcome the refugees. This was also presented on tv.

The burden for Germany to host more than a million refugees who have fled under unhuman conditions from the horrible wars in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and other countries is huge. The challenge to accommodate all the refugees and assimilate them is extreme. But it will be done!

Germany has decided to host them. Now the governmental-, State- and city departments are organizing the huge amount of people, structuring the streams, distributing them to collecting places and distributing them to the different States, cities and regions. This is for sure the biggest challenge in our country since the he unity of both Germanys.

Although there are many thousands of people seeking refuges here they are wonderfully calm, happy and supportive. Because having escaped all the threats, hunger and troubles behind.

There are no problems for anybody travelling in Germany because of the refugees. You will not expect any harm.

At this moment there even is no extra security action at any airport, just the “normal” situation since 9/11.

Currently there are special controls at some borders, especially between Germany and Austria – as well as between other countries being on the refugees’ path. Dancers who travel by bus from the South should consider planning starting earlier. There may be delays at some borders. Please check this on the websites before leaving. There might also be extra roadside passport controls within the Schengen countries from time to time.

I will inform all participants on this website about the updates starting on October 15, 2015 to have everybody informed as good as possible.

For people flying in there should not be any problem at all. The airports Frankfurt and Munich are very busy as usual and the same with Dresden airport or Leipzig. Two days ago I came from Canada through Frankfurt: Business as usual.

“Riesa” is very well prepared and truly looking forward to host more than 3.000 wonderful dancers from all over the world of Show- and Tap dance! Your dancers should be part of it!

See you all in Riesa!

Michael Wendt