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First off, the Schnitzel Squad was called into battle (community service) to fight for the Non Profit Organization 'Footprint'. This organization helps bring awareness and help to sex trafficking victims recover from abuse and other violences (domestic, etc.). Even though we only handed out flyers to passersby, we were still able to help the community in a positive way. If you would like to know more about this group, here is the link to their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/organisationFOOTPRINT>.

So far the Squad has integrated itself rather nicely into Viennese life. We are able to transport ourselves to various places in the city as well as pick up on cultural norms. Day after day, we "blend in" more and more which is very cool to see. In my last update, I believe I mentioned that on the outside, Vienna isn't that much different than cities in the States. However, if you travel past the surface and really open your eyes and ears, you notice just how different everyone really is. That being said, the group still isn't experiencing homesickness (at least as much as they tell me). Tor, however, has Bronchitis (MAN DOWN!).

It is also important to note the growing dialogue about immigrants into Austria and surrounding areas. Just the other day, Hungary essentially kicked out all of the refugees and immigrants staying in their cities

(mainly Budapest). Where are they to go? Well, most want to go to Germany because of the fact that Germany is the best place to live right now. However, in order to get there, they must travel through Austria (Vienna). This causes mass chaos in train stations and leaves countless people asking, "What are we going to do about this?" Naturally, the governments don't have any idea, so the citizens of Vienna are taking things into their own hands and protesting. Just last night there was a protest about the treatment of these peoples. Annika and Delaney were privileged enough to witness it. I think that this is an important thing that is going on and should not be ignored because the States are going through the same thing (*cough* Donald Trump *cough*).

As for right now, the Schnitzel Squad is doing pretty well and is getting our Sea Legs.

Yours,
Cruz and the Schnitzel Squad