



Dear Pastor and Church,

January/February 2020

We are back in Slovenia! We arrived back in the middle of January and it took a week or so to take care of many breakdowns around our house and vehicle while we were away. Those are mostly done and we are deeply back into the work. The first task was to visit all of the church members and those who had been faithfully coming to our meetings before we left. In the time since we left, two families moved away from Slovenia because of work. That was a little discouraging but there is nothing that can be done about it so we are moving forward.

We started back the meetings in our house again and though it was rough for the first two weeks, on the third week we had 16 people in our little living room and that with some regulars missing (Isn't it always that way). Three of those were from a new family that was brought by a church member.

As we came back, I was drawn to a passage from Nehemiah as he returned to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. In Nehemiah 2:18, the people say, *"Let us rise up and build."* That was the message that I gave to New Life Independent Baptist Church. With God's help, that is what we intend to do.

We have already begun the search for a space to meet in. The building that we had prayed for and included in our presentation, unfortunately is not available at this time. The owner of the building will not sell, rent and will not even communicate about it. We have not let that get us down though counting that perhaps God has something even better than we imagined. We have already been looking at other places and have found some promising properties. **Please do pray that God would lead us to the right property.** We are in need for it now. We recently started having two services and we have big plans for how to use a space that is our own.

One final thing; two days before we returned to Slovenia, Krista developed a very strong migraine which elevated her blood pressure extremely. We took her to the emergency room and they did a CT scan which came back clear. Since that time, she has had headaches almost every day with several of them debilitating. After going to our doctor here in Slovenia, she was given special migraine medication. It has not yet helped a great deal. **We humbly ask your prayers for this health situation for her.**

Until next time, May the Lord richly bless you as you serve Him,

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