



Dear Pastor and Church,

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Well, it is a new year and we have been given a new opportunity to reach people for Jesus as God carries His return. Each of us have been given a window of time to reach those around us, regardless of where we are. I challenge you to make the most of it. With the way things are going, I don't know how much longer we have.

I know that many of you who pray for us will know the name Janja from our previous letters. She is the young lady who contacted us wanting information about a Bible. She considered herself an atheist with a catholic background but wanted to give God another try. She came to our meetings several times and was having a lot of barriers of belief removed which was a blessing. But then she had already scheduled a vacation. Slovenian vacations are not like American vacations. They go to exotic places for a couple of *months*. Janja went to Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. When you have someone and you are making momentum with them this type of trip is usually the last time you see them. Not so with Janja. She came back with more excitement than she had before. It was all because of an interaction she had with a friend shortly after returning to Slovenia.

Her friend, Anja, was known by Janja to be an avid atheist, but the subject of God came up. Janja spoke about what was going on inside her. Anja said, that she too had recently prayed and ask God to show Himself to her; and He did! She could not wait to tell us and came to our house. Through her tears she talked about how special it was. She is so close to coming to Christ. **Please pray for Janja and Anja and another friend that Janja is talking to named Pierre.** Pierre is supposed to come to our church in the next week so we hope to have a good conversation with him as well.

I mentioned in the last letter that our youngest son, Philip, was joining the Air Force. Currently, he is in Basic Military Training in San Antonio and **we would appreciate your prayers for him in this time.** Even more exciting, our oldest son, Nicholas, and his wife Katie, are expecting their first child in April. **Please pray that all goes well in the last month of their pregnancy.** This will be grandchild #3 to be born since May! God is good!

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

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