



Dear Pastor and Church,

July/August 2020

Summer is over! Yes, I am super excited about that. It's not that we get really hot weather here in Slovenia – we don't. What we do get is summer vacation season. Starting from the middle of July until the end of August, we have a parade of people going on their summer holidays. We have lived here long enough to know that it happens, that it happens to the most faithful people and so many things in the country almost effectively shut down because everyone is away at the coast, either in Slovenia or Croatia. This year, because of the virus and to stimulate the economy, the Slovenian government handed out travel vouchers to stay in accommodations in Slovenia. I am happy for the folks who get to enjoy some time away because this has been a tough year for all involved. It has been a tough time for us as we try to build a church though considering we lost another mother and daughter because they have moved out of the country. That is a total of 8 faithful people who have moved to another country just this year. God has encouraged us with some more new visitors though.

One of the most faithful ladies brought another lady that she had met through walking her dog. Maša is an older lady and is really interested in what we are doing. **Pray for Maša, as we present the Gospel to her in the next few weeks.** I have also made a strong connection with a guy that I work out with at the gym named Peter. He and his partner, Anja, just had a little baby girl and we have had some great conversations. **Pray for Peter and Anja, that I can reach them with the Truth.**

In the next few weeks we will be starting a series of messages on topics that afflict this country so deeply. Subjects like depression and addiction affect so many people here. We have been advertising about this and have had some really good reception. Additionally, we will be broadcasting live for those who may be reluctant to come out in public as we are still dealing with virus fears and mask restrictions as well.

We also have our window signs in process for application to our windows. I just approved the design and it is being printed as I write. Hopefully installation will be this week or next week.

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Finally, the last week in August, we hosted a cookout at our house to close the door on summer and to get excited about the fall. We had a great time with a lot of meat and potatoes. It was a good time for all. **Now pray for us as we buckle down for next few weeks with everybody back in the country; that Jesus would be lifted up and that He would draw all to Himself.**

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

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