

THE BARLOW FAMILY

MISSIONARIES to SLOVENIA



MONTE ✦ KRISTA ✦ NICHOLAS ✦ MICAH ✦ PHILIP

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Dear Pastor and Church,

If you regularly read our prayer letters, I just mentioned last week how that most birthday parties seem to be celebrated on Sundays here in Slovenia. You may also remember about what God is doing in Petra's heart. After this week, she wanted to tell us how important the meetings are for her and how much of a help they are. Praise the Lord! She also wanted to tell us that she had received an invitation to a birthday party and she told them that she could come but that she absolutely had to leave by 5:00 pm so that she could make it to our meeting. She also said that she could not think of anything that could take her away from the meetings because they are so important. She may have said that specifically because lately there have been some who had found other things more important than coming. They have since returned and we are grateful, but to hear that from her really was a blessing from God. **Please do continue to pray for her.** I feel that it is just a matter of a short time before she crosses the line of faith.

Also in this group is a lady named Mojca. Mojca was a very devout catholic and still has affection for the catholic church but she never misses our meetings. She was diagnosed with cancer and had been taking chemotherapy until just a few weeks ago when she had successful surgery to remove the cancer. That surgery was on a Friday and she was in the hospital a few days but the very next Sunday she was at home and asked if we could come and have our study meeting at her house. We were glad to do that and even though she is still recovering she has been faithful to come. It is a blessing to be around people who want to study the Bible and can see its impact on their lives.

Oftentimes here in Slovenia we are rejected in our efforts to reach people. God has done some miracles here and I want to give Him the glory again in this situation. I got an email from a friend and fellow missionary in Croatia telling me about a contact that had reached out to him because of their work in translating the Croatian Bible. He told me that Uroš and Polona wanted to know more about us and would like to meet. I readily agreed and after meeting them they wanted to join in our newest Bible study. Just like that, we had doubled our group size! They are so eager to study the Bible and are full of questions. I think I said before that God really wants to do something here and we glory in watching Him work. **Please do pray for Uroš and Polona; that we can be for them everything that they need.**

Finally, it is awesome to report that did receive a decision on our permanent residence applications and they were approved. So now we are legal permanent residents of Slovenia and never have to apply for visas again. **Thank you for joining with us in praying for this.**

May the Lord richly bless you as you serve Him,

The Barlows