

THE BARLOW FAMILY

MISSIONARIES to SLOVENIA



MONTE ✦ KRISTA ✦ NICHOLAS ✦ MICAH ✦ PHILIP

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Dear Pastor and Church,

As promised from the last letter; I had talked about our vision for Slovenia – preach the Gospel, see people saved, baptize converts, establish churches, train people for ministry, and then repeat the process. We just established New Life Independent Baptist Church, or step four of that vision and now I want to talk about step 5, training people for ministry.

By now those of you who keep up with our letters will be very familiar with Vlado and Maša. They are the recently saved, new, young couple, and now members of our church. Some time back, Vlado came to me saying that he thought that God wanted him in the work, but that he did not feel worthy or qualified. He may have thought that would disappoint me but that is exactly what I wanted to hear. Anyone who feels worthy or ready, I would have many questions for knowing the responsibility that is carried by preaching the Word of God. Since that time we have started training them in the Bible Institute to prepare them for what God has in mind.

Any time that someone takes a bold step like that, Satan takes notice. It was not a few weeks later that as they attempted to relocate to a larger space to live (Maša is pregnant) they were taken advantage of by an unscrupulous lady who after they had given their deposit, just simply took it from them. They later found out that she had done that and much more to many others and owes several people in Slovenia almost half a million euros which is much greater than their 2,300 euros, but it was all they had. I spoke to him on the Friday he found out and he was understandably upset. When they showed up for Sunday morning church, they had already put it in God hands and are continuing to trust Him with it. Praise the Lord for their hearts in this issue but **please pray for them; that they may be able to at least recover part of what they had given her.**

We should know that when we take huge steps for God, our enemy takes notice and attacks. Since we established the church we have lost a few non-members for different reasons. We are not happy that they have chosen to take another path and will always welcome them to join back with us, but neither will we apologize for what the Bible teaches nor soft-sell it for the sake of people's feelings.

We may have lost a few people, but we have already gained too. Two of our members, Devin and Viki invited Ava Grace into this world a few weeks ago. We have two other ladies, Anita and Maša, who are also pregnant and set to deliver in the coming months. **Please pray for these ladies and their pregnancies and little Ava Grace who will be dedicated to the Lord in the coming weeks.** It's one way to grow a church. We'll keep trying to expand on that growth with your prayers and support.

May the Lord richly bless you as you serve Him,

The Barlows