



Dear Pastor and Church,

March/April 2020

Slovenia, like the rest of the world, is shut down. It started for us early in March, because we border Italy and has not let up since that time. The corona virus has affected us in similar ways as it has you there in the United States. Up until this week, we could not travel out of our municipality. For the majority of this time we could only go outside in family groups and that just to get groceries, fuel and other urgent needs. We are beginning to see some loosening of the restrictions in the last few days which will be huge. I have no way of knowing when we will be able to reunite as a church family again but we certainly look forward to that day coming very soon.

Because we have not been allowed to meet, much like most of you, we have been hosting remote preaching, teaching and fellowship through videos and zoom meetings. We have invested into a deeper exposure through the means available to us; social media as well as youtube. We have seen some reaction from these advertising campaigns but we have no way of knowing what real impact it will have until we are able to reconvene as a church. **Pray that the information finds its way to hearts in need.**

In this forced downtime that we as well as many members are dealing with, we have increased our focus on the work of the Slovenian New Testament. As some of you may already know, we do have a Slovenian Bible but it leaves much to be desired with missing verses as well as verses slanted toward the predominant set of religious teaching; that being from a catholic perspective. **Please pray with us for this work as we see the great importance for a faithful translation for the Slovene people.**

I mentioned in the last letter about a place to rent. We had found an ideal place that is strategically located but just as we were about to go into contract on it, the lockdown happened. In one way, we are grateful because we would have been financially liable for the payments without the ability to use it for any foreseeable future. We trust God has a plan through all of this.

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Personally speaking, we thank those of you who have prayed for Krista and her headaches. As I write this letter, she has not suffered a severe headache in several weeks. We are so grateful for your prayers for her. We now ask that you **pray for Philip as he will be going into surgery in the first week of May for a knee injury.**

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

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