



Dear Pastor and Church,

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It is amazing to walk with God! In the last letter, I mentioned all the things that had happened for the first time in seeing new people come and how much of a blessing it was. In a very short time, all that changed and we saw some serious challenges. I don't typically talk about the challenges in my letters. God knows what we are dealing with here so I take the burdens to Him. We count it an absolute privilege and honor to represent so many churches and their investment in reaching the lost around the world. I have no room to complain or whine when so many deal with so much more than we do.

What I love to talk about is how God works in Slovenia. Our challenges are nothing to God who promised to supply ALL our needs. Praise Him because He knows so much better than we do what we need most.

When I say that I don't talk about our challenges to many people, the one exception is my pastor. He happened to send me a message one a Sunday that was a particularly challenging one. We talked about it and he encouraged me. The very next day I received an email from a young man who works on staff at a church that supports us. We set up a phone call for the following day. Apparently, when we were reporting back in this church last year, God had burdened them about the lost in Slovenia and they feel that God wants them to come here as missionaries! They will be coming for an exploratory trip, hopefully in the fall. Hallelujah! Many of you may remember how we used to have three other missionary families here through our organization and now it is just us again because of a multitude of different circumstances. This was a huge encouragement though. **Pray for this young family as they prepare.**

We can also report that the new people who recently started coming have made some significant progress towards salvation. I know that we all understand salvation is not a process. But, the elimination of barriers to belief is a process and one that is a significant roadblock for so many who have lived their entire lives in an environment without God or respect for the Bible.

**We ask for your prayers for these people; that the Holy Spirit would have freedom to speak to their hearts without the distractions of the world.**

In other news, our son Micah and his wife Grace will, Lord willing, bring our first grandchild into the world in the next few weeks. Later this year, our daughter Chelsea and her husband Jonathan will bring our second grandchild. **We'd appreciate your prayers for them as well.**

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

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