

# THE BARLOW FAMILY

## MISSIONARIES to SLOVENIA



MONTE ✦ KRISTA ✦ NICHOLAS ✦ MICAH ✦ PHILIP

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Dear Pastor and Church,

When we arrived in Slovenia, our desire was to see God start a church here. Some years later, we are finally in that process of starting that first Independent Baptist Church. To get to that point we have: distributed tracts and talked to people on the streets, mailboxed tracts (which is legal here), developed relationships through consistent contacts, advertised through signs, websites and social media, gave away the Slovene “done” books and hosted countless Bible studies in various places. Up until now we have always rented facilities on an hourly basis. We now want to rent a space that will be completely ours. **Please pray with us that God would lead us to the perfect spot with visibility for pedestrians and space sufficient for our needs at a price that we can afford.**

Since I mentioned the church startup, we are getting closer each week as we go through our baseline studies. We do not always make it through the planned material each week. That is completely fine. This process is not something that we want to rush. We will take the time that we need to make sure that everyone fully understands what this step means, not only for them, but for the country of Slovenia. It is difficult in the present but it will be worth it in the future. **Your prayers with us and for us are making a huge difference so please continue to pray for this crucial church plant.**

On a different note, a few days ago we picked up our son Micah for a visit with us here in Slovenia for a few weeks. We will be hosting some more family visitors a little later in the summer also. Micah has been working for the last year and will be moving to Stillwater, getting a job and starting school and this was his last chance to get to see us before all of that happens. We will enjoy our time with him and the others and always appreciate seeing friends and family from America.

Lastly, we will soon be having a couple of baptisms when the water here in Slovenia are at their warmest, though honestly they are never really warm. **Pray for those who will be baptized and for the core of our soon to be church membership.**

May the Lord richly bless you as you serve Him,

*The Barlows*