

THE BARLOW FAMILY

MISSIONARIES to SLOVENIA



MONTE ✦ KRISTA ✦ NICHOLAS ✦ MICAH ✦ PHILIP

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Dear Pastor and Church,

Since transitioning our Bible study to a chartered Independent Baptist Church, there have been ups and downs. We expected this. In May, we had our first church business being a baby dedication. Ava Grace was born to members Devin and Viki and we combined the dedication with a church picnic at our house – yes, there was chicken served, thus making it a real Baptist meeting! In the picture you can see the membership of the church to date, along with little Ava Grace. We had visitors who are not pictured join us in this meeting too. One of those visitors, Miha, I would like to tell you about.



Miha emailed me on a Saturday inquiring about whether we were meeting somewhere and if so, could he visit. Typically, I meet with someone before they attend so that they can understand who we are and what we want to accomplish here and told him that we do meet on Sundays and that I would be happy to meet him sometime to answer any questions he might have before he came. He immediately replied asking if he could come the next day. This was a little surprising but I told him that he would be certainly welcome.

He arrived the next day and the first thing out of his mouth was, “How does someone get saved?” After serving here in Europe for several years, that is not your typical question from a visitor. After a brief, thorough, Biblical explanation his next question was, “Can someone lose their salvation?” Again, not typical. After I explained the Bible’s teaching on eternal security, he seemed satisfied that *he could stay in our service*. You see, he was quizzing me to see where I stood on these issues because he had studied the Bible enough to know the truth. He said that he would stay in our service and make a decision about whether he would come again. After I finished preaching, he said, “I don’t need to look any further for a place to go, I have found the right place.” Miha already wants to join me talking to people on the street. He is very serious minded and understands that his country needs the Gospel. Oh, by the way, he drives an hour and a half, one way, to be with us every week.

I have mentioned in previous letters that we have several ladies who are pregnant. Viki and Devin had Ava Grace. Just last week, Anita, who is a believer had her baby; Nika. Both Anita and Nika are doing well. **Please pray for Nika’s father, Grega.** He is not a believer but we are on friendly terms and I want this to have an impact on him. Also **continue to pray for Maša and Vlado, as their baby is expected in a couple of months.**

Right now, Krista and Philip are in America. I felt that Philip needed to reconnect with our church family since he had not been there for any significant time since 2013. He just went to church camp with the youth and he was excited to talk about what God did in him. Since we just started the church, there was no way that I could leave. I do plan to come back next year to report to several churches that I have not seen in some time and possibly some new churches.

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

The Barlows