



Dear Pastor and Church,

May/June 2020

Just like everyone else in the world, our lives continue to be affected by the corona virus. Slovenia, as a country, took early precautions and flattened the curve very quickly which led to some easing of the restrictions. Just last week, however, after opening up the borders and seeing a rise in cases (as well as testing) the Slovenian government put the mask requirement back in place for inside activities.

When we had the restriction against meeting, we used youtube videos and zoom meetings to keep folks together for a time. We then came up with the idea to meet in a public park in the downtown area of the capital city of Ljubljana, in a wide-open space so that we could practice social distancing. This has worked out incredibly well for us. The park is huge with a lot of space to spread out plus it gives us an opportunity to show people that we gather for a reason.

We have had 6 first time visitors since we started doing this and the church people love it. Three of those visitors are Iranian immigrant Christians who found out about us through our advertising. One young lady was invited by a church member and she has been unbelievably faithful. She has a lot of baggage but is hanging on every word. The other two visitors were a mom and daughter. The daughter was invited by a 10 year old boy of some of the people who come. It has been great. As long as we have good weather, we are going to continue to do meet in the park.

In the last letter I talked about a place to meet and we found a perfect place. It is also in the downtown area, directly across from the main bus and train station. It is on the ground floor with outside windows which we are in the process of getting signage now for those. We will continue to meet in the park, but in the case of bad weather, like a few weeks ago, we have a fall back option that is nearby. I will also use it as an office during the week as well.

Our focus here in Slovenia is reaching Slovenes, however since Ljubljana is the capital of a European country, we see many internationals join us because we advertise widely. We have had the great privilege to host these folks but as you might expect there comes a time when they move on.

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We have seen many come and go, hopefully taking the Gospel message with them when they travel to the next country. In this time, we have lost two more individuals to moving. **Pray for these who move on, that they can find another church that is faithfully preaching the Word of God and challenging the lost to know a great Savior.** God knows and we continue to move forward with the people who remain.

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

The Barlows



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