

# THE BARLOW FAMILY

## MISSIONARIES to SLOVENIA



MONTE ✦ KRISTA ✦ NICHOLAS ✦ MICAH ✦ PHILIP

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Dear Pastor and Church,

I mentioned in the last letter that Krista was back in the States taking our son Micah back to begin his life on his own. While there, she needed to get a routine physical performed as it had been a long time since her last one. Some results were expected and not surprising. Her family has a history of high blood pressure. However, some other results were unusual and it required that she stay longer than anticipated for further testing. Since this dragged out because of test results and additional doctor visits, she would not have been able to return until almost Christmas. That being the case, Philip and I decided to join them there for a brief visit.

At first I was apprehensive because of all that is going on in the work. After arriving, we knew immediately that it was the right decision. With both of our parents advancing in years, it was good to spend some concentrated and focused time with them, as well as our adult children. But that was just the beginning.

Three days after Christmas, one of Krista's nephews, a 23 year old, passed away after having an epileptic seizure. When Jacob was 9 years old, his aunt, Krista's other sister would take him to Southwest Baptist Church in OKC. One of those times that he went, he got saved. We were so grateful for that though of late he had a bit of a troubled life. His mother, Krista's sister, had somewhat disconnected with the family and we had not seen her or her children in about 8 years. As most know, death changes many things. We were able to be there to comfort Krista's mother and later on, her sister and her children as they arrived.

They asked if I would perform the ceremony and I had the opportunity to present the Truth of the gospel to many who needed to hear it. Pray that the message would find lodging in needy hearts as they continue to deal with Jacob's passing. It was also a blessing to get to reconnect with the siblings and rebuild those relationships between them and our children.

Being back also allowed me the opportunity to visit with my pastor about going through the process of starting the first church here in Slovenia. We talked through a plan that I had put together and about a charter service. We are very excited and ask that you continue to pray with us about all that is involved with that process. It is a fulfillment of our purpose in coming to Slovenia and we praise God for all that He has done to allow us to be at this point.

May the Lord richly bless you as you serve Him,

*The Barlows*