



Dear Pastor and Church,

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It was Sunday afternoon and I got a call from Marcel, the young man newly saved just a few months ago. I could tell from his voice that he was very excited. He began to explain that he had just had a conversation with his older brother about Jesus. His brother, Klemen, has always been an adamant atheist. But after seeing the change in his brother's life, he had been open to hear Marcel talk about what God had done for him. Maybe you remember that time after you were newly saved and wanted to tell everybody. You wanted everybody to experience the joy that you now have in your life. Marcel was so excited! Of course, Klemen had questions that Marcel did not have answers for. He told him that he did not have all the answers but that he would be happy to connect us and I could answer his questions. We are trying to get a day when he will have time to sit down and talk about his questions but **please pray for Klemen; that God would work on his heart in preparation for our meeting.**

Janja, who I mentioned made her salvation decision in the last letter, boldly proclaimed that she wanted to be baptized. This is a huge step for someone in Slovenia as almost all of them were sprinkled as a baby and the catholics call it baptism. **We praise the Lord for Janja's decision for baptism and we pray that it will move others to take this important step in obedience as well.**

Kaja (Kaya) is a young lady who has a hair salon across from our church meeting space. Krista and I have been trying to reach her for more than a year. She is opening up to talk about spiritual things and follows my church social media pages and is very complimentary. You must remember that people here only know the false view of God presented by the catholic church. She is seeing the truth now and it is speaking to her. **Pray for Kaja, that God would continue to open her heart.** She also just sent a young man who is a student in digital marketing to see if he could be a help to us. Ciril was looking to get experience and was willing to work simply for a reference. He is being a huge help in our social media outreach and **pray with us that the material will also reach Ciril as well.**

Two months ago, my brothers and I made the difficult decision to move our father into assisted living. His short-term memory had gotten really bad and it led to him forgetting his medications which caused him to be hospitalized. He will turn 94 in January and is a child of God for which we are grateful. His health has taken a swift downturn recently so I have returned to the States for a quick trip to see him and help my brothers deal with his house that he has lived in for almost 60 years. The timing was difficult with all that is happening in Slovenia so **pray for God's wisdom for us.**

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

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