



Dear Pastor and Church,

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We got to say it in the last letter, let's say it again! There's a new name written down in glory!

Janja, who I have asked prayer for many times, had introduced me to Marcel, the young man who was saved in the last letter. Marcel was unlike any other person we have ever met here and quite quickly made a decision for Christ and has since made great progress in his walk with God in spite of his challenges with distance.

This time, **Janja herself had her name entered into the book of life!** Praise God! It is my belief that Marcel's decision to simply trust Christ, helped move Janja past her questions and objections to the point where she asked herself – Is this true? and – Do I believe it? After answering yes to both of those, her life has fundamentally changed and she is so excited. She now plays guitar accompaniment for our congregational singing. It is a huge blessing to see this happen. Only God could transform someone's life like both Marcel and Janja. **Please continue to pray for them and their burden for those around them.**

As it happens so many times, with great victories come great challenges. I believe Satan is getting nervous about what is happening here and has attacked our little church in an effort to make us lose our focus. Some key people who have been with us for years have decided to simply walk away. I can't even get a clear explanation of the reason why. When you have a small congregation to start with, any person that leaves can upset the balance of the entire group. We are doing our best to keep our eyes on Jesus and declaring His Truth, but naturally speaking it hurts to see this happen with people you have poured so much into. **Please do pray for our little group to remain steadfast.**

Obviously we know that God is not surprised about this. As we have continued to go out on the streets to talk to people, it has not yielded any fruitful conversations but we know that God still blesses the going. One way in which He has shown us that is through bringing a new visitor to us by other means of outreach. This time it was a young college student named Laura. She dropped in on us two weeks ago saying she found our webpage and decided to come. It was such an encouragement to the group to see God work. The best part, she came back last week too. **Pray for Laura, that God will move in her life as well.**

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

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