

# THE BARLOW FAMILY

## MISSIONARIES to SLOVENIA



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Dear Pastor and Church,

It is a blessing to watch God work in the life of a new church!

After organizing this church back in February, we never pushed them about giving financially, though I would address the topic if it came up in our expositional studies. I never went out of my way to preach a message about giving, not that there would be anything wrong to do that. The members of the church gave anyway. They saw the needs and responded. We just had our first business meeting. It was truly humbling to see how the folks brought the topic up, then as I led the discussion, I sensed their desire to start being responsible as a church for the cost of our rent. I offered to half the costs with the church but they would not have that. They felt like the church should take care of it all. So, at this meeting New Life Independent Baptist Church voted to start taking care of all of the monthly costs for the space that we rent but that was not all. After further discussion, the church also voted that we will begin to support our first missionary. It is the vision of every missionary to see the works that are started on the field become self-supporting and national led. We are on our way to seeing that vision fulfilled in this work.

We typically start our services with an opportunity for people to express praises or report on answered prayers. This has been really encouraging for our church as we have seen many answered prayers in the last few months. From family crisis intervention to health needs to automobile issues to opportunities to speak to friends and family, we have seen God move in ways that only He can and it has grown the faith of our church to believe that nothing is too small or insignificant to pray about. We have also seen God use this to increase our burden for those around us.

Statistics tell us that most people that come to church do so because a friend invited them. We have seen several first-time visitors and though not all of them have stuck, it is exciting each time we have them.

**Please continue to pray for our church; that we would have a burden for friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors.**

I have mentioned in past letters about all of the pregnant ladies that we have in our church. I thought I would take this opportunity to include a picture of all three of our new church babies. This is David, Nika, and Ava Grace.

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



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