



May/June 2020 (July 7, 2020)

Dear Friends and Family,

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Daniel July 11, 1968
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**"...For there is no restraint
to the Lord to save
by many or by few."
I Samuel 14:6**

We pray this letter finds you healthy and free. In Slovenia we have only just been allowed out in the last month but already we are seeing a resurgence in cases. The new restrictions this week so far have not been as extreme as before; now we can gather in groups of ten but inside we must still wear a mask.

For the last three weeks we have enjoyed having my sister Faith and her husband Darrell with us. This is their second year to teach English at the local community center. It is a miracle that they were even able to get to Slovenia since travel from the USA is extremely limited, if not altogether banned. After the adult classes began the director had second thoughts and insisted they be quarantined 14 days before they resumed. However, Darrell had been using an online platform for his Sunday school back home and was prepared to continue the classes online. Despite these setbacks most of the students continued to attend. In the final week we were able to meet every night at the center with the adults and every morning with the children. The results were even better than last year with all new contacts and an invitation for Christina from the director to hold a class sharing her experiences as an American.

As mentioned in our last prayer letter, I had been contacted by Miro whom I had come across while passing out literature in his village. Since then I have met with him and his wife, Tatiana, four times. I have continued to answer his questions and share the hope we have in God. For our most recent visit Miro took Darrell, Faith and our entire family to their land in the hills for a picnic. It was the first time Miro had met any of my family and we all had a good time of fellowship. Please continue to pray for them that God would open their eyes and accept the Truth.

Also in my last letter Edoardo had been contacting us again. At the time there was simply no way we could go to encourage him because the border with Italy was closed. On June 3 the border was opened and we were able to visit him and his parents while Darrell and Faith were here. It was great joy for all to renew our fellowship after so long. His elderly, at-risk parents were nervous about catching Co-Vid 19 so we said our hellos from a distance in the yard and drove to a nearby wooded parking lot to hold our service. Dark clouds loomed the whole service but God held off the rain. After some sandwiches we walked around the fields until the rain set in. With reluctance we said goodbye knowing it might be a long period before we meet again if the borders are closed a second time.

While we were together, Edoardo shared something with me. Since the start of the pandemic, because his sister is a local nurse and cannot visit, he has been the sole caretaker of his parents. Growing up he learned to disrespect and rebel against them. For the first time in his 57 years he has been a "son" to his parents and this has pricked his heart. God changed his life through salvation several years ago and this pandemic has given him a new love for his parents that he never had before. Maybe God would use this pandemic to show us some short-coming in our own lives for His glory. Continue to pray for Papa Giorgio's and Mama Lana's salvation.

May God bless you as you seek Him.

Daniel, Christina, Abigail, Gideon, Lydia, Priscilla, and Ezekiel

