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Dear Friends and Family,

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

It is time to write another update. It is hard sometimes to know what to write about. However, we can never go wrong by being thankful. I am thankful that God has protected our family in the United States during the last year. And I am thankful that He has protected the lives of our friends here in Slovenia and Italy. I was able to be with one of our unsaved Slovenian friends last week and he shared how both him and his wife had been infected but had recovered without problem; that was a direct answer to my prayers for them.

I am also thankful for your prayers for my back. At this point it is hard for me to imagine how much pain I was in last year. Since the first of this year, I have returned to hiking up and down the hills around my home. The doctor has said this is the best way to strengthen my back (and it is even better as a quiet time with God). Over the last two months it has been cold and often snowy, so I have not met many people along the trails. However, I did meet one man with whom I had a good conversation and he extended an open invitation to visit him. So please pray for this new opportunity.

The weather is getting warmer and the days a little longer -possibly the reason the CoVid-19 hospitalizations and death rate in Slovenia has decreased. With this decrease comes a tentative relaxing of some of the restrictions by the government over the last few weeks. With this easing comes again the ability to meet with a friend or two but with social distancing or masks. It is strange because some friends that live only minutes away yet in a different region are still off-limits while others living 100 miles away can now be visited. Armed with this fresh ability, a few days ago I visited Miro. You might remember I first met him before the age of CoVid-19. He lives over the hills and through the forests from us and it was so good to see him again. I am thankful for his friendship and that we have agreed to meet regularly. Please pray that God would convince him of his need and that he would give his heart to Christ.

The Bible says to be thankful for EVERYTHING. A few weeks ago, I bit into a chewable vitamin and a piece of my molar broke off! It was part of a "temporary" root canal from over 35 years ago that I had completely forgotten about. At first you might not think that being thankful in EVERYTHING includes a broken tooth but not only am I thankful that I was not in ANY pain but that it lasted this LONG and did not cause me any TROUBLE is reason enough to be thankful! I can find a whole host of other reasons too. I am thankful that I was able to find a dentist who not only speaks English but was willing to see me the NEXT morning. I am thankful that the dentist was willing to SAVE the tooth and redo the root canal. And most importantly, I am thankful God has given me three more people to witness to throughout this ordeal. Bloom where you are planted, right? It is only a matter of time before He gives us fruit. Stay faithful.

We continue to hold our services online because we are still unable to cross the border into Italy to meet with our fellow Christians there. We are thankful that God is continuing to protect them and their family and friends through this unusual time. It has been a long year since CoVid-19 started and it may be yet longer before Europe sees the end. God is good and we have nothing to complain about.

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

