



SLOVENIA MISSIONARIES TO the Norton family

March/April 2021

Dear Friends and Family,

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Daniel July 11, 1968
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Lydia August 11, 2009
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"...For there is no restraint
to the Lord to save
by many or by few."
I Samuel 14:6

In March the pandemic restrictions eased somewhat, but come April we were lockdown again! Thankfully, by the end of April the government began loosening the reins and has continued to do so cautiously as the death rate decreases. We are praying that the relaxing might continue with a full release in June. Regardless, we have continued our online services and plan to continue them as way to reach out more effectively.

With a more open future in sight we have been asked to conduct English classes in Postojna at the end of June which coincides nicely with the end of my semester of Slovenian. We will miss my sister and brother-in-law this year but we are looking forward to renewing old contacts and gaining some new ones. As might be imagined with the renewed lockdown during the last month we have not been able to meet with several of our friends whom we had reconnected with during the short open season. We do hope to see them in the coming weeks. Please pray that God would give us wisdom.

One opportunity that has come our way is a group of Bosnian migrant workers. I was asked by another missionary in the north of Slovenia to take food to a man living locally that had contacted him through his website. He had a name, an address, and a phone number, but could tell me no more. After searching for a time, I finally decided that the address must be the dilapidated factory in front of me. Yes, apparently the old factories were built with a worker's dorm in the floors above the main factory and there is where I found my man. I could tell he was a bit embarrassed in front of his 30+ coworkers seeing that I did not call ahead of time to schedule a meeting place. I knew there were places like this from my Slovenian friends but I was still surprised by what I saw. Muslim workers come from Bosnia without their families on a yearly contract to labor in the factories. Living like "sardines in a can", they only speak Serbo-Croatian with little or no Slovenian (or English). However, one of the men was interested in talking, so we worked through the language differences slowly. I was able to deliver the food and leave some literature. I have since been again, but there was only one man at "home", and he gladly accepted the loaves of homemade bread and jams. I plan to return another time with some appropriate literature and am praying I might be able to speak to some of these men. Please pray for this new opportunity.

In family news, Abigail will be completing high school this year. It is hard to image she is "all grown up". She believes God would have her to stay and help us during the next year. All of the children have been a great help and encouragement during this last year and they have also grown a lot. Gideon is almost as tall as me, and Lydia is taller than her older sister and almost as tall as her mother. We are also thankful for their spiritual growth. The three oldest have been learning to lead the Sunday school class with each taking a turn teaching and leading the music. They are, of course, looking forward to this summer and being able to get out of the house. Between the move, my back problems and the corona virus we have not had many excursions as a family. However, we recently attempted to go for a bike ride for the first time in over a year and a half. As anticipated, we did not get far because of leaky inner tubes, peddles falling off, loose brakes, etc. We do look forward to another attempt as the weather permits.

Thank you for your prayers and help,

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

