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



Fall is definitely here and winter does not seem far behind. We are preparing for our transition to the new work and I am including the plan that we believe the Lord has given us to accomplish this transition so that you can pray with us. During this time we continue our outreach to the people here in Slovenia. We had hoped to carry on the children's English classes from this summer, but the increasing COVID restrictions have prevented this. Instead, God has given us an opportunity to work with a group of young adults. We have been meeting for several weeks now and already God has opened opportunities to share our faith. Please pray for more opportunity and wisdom to share the truth with these folks. Please also pray for our friend who has been setting up these classes, Nina. She needs God to open her eyes.

Where are we in our transition? We have applied to join the BIMI Military Ministry and have received an invitation to attend candidate school during the first full week of December. After this school we will need to be approved as new missionaries by the BIMI board of directors.

For the present we continue to work in Slovenia reaching out in our community and sharing the gospel both online and with personal contacts. The ever increasing COVID restrictions since the summer have once again made this difficult, but we are thankful for the opportunities God is giving us. While God is directing us to Aviano, we believe that God also would have us keep the door open here. We will only be two hours away and just as we traveled back and forth to Aviano on a regular basis in the last six years, we plan to do the same to continue our witness here.

What are the next steps in our transition? We need to attend the candidate school in December. We have purchased airline tickets to return to the United States for the first two weeks of December. We will attend the candidate school, visit our immediate family and then return to Slovenia in time for Christmas. This will allow us to apply in a timely manner for the visa to enter Italy permanently and to apply we need paperwork from BIMI that will not be available until after candidate school. After returning to Slovenia we will also need God to provide us a home in Aviano. Once the visa process is started and the house secured we will begin to move. The rent on our present home in Slovenia is paid until the end of March 2022 and our goal is to be completely moved by the end of March.

Once we are completely moved, our goal is to return to the United States no later than the first few weeks of April to make any reporting to our supporting churches that they deem necessary and to raise new support, if needed. Also, the last of our candidate schooling is scheduled for June. We wish to return to Italy as soon as possible, no later than the end of the summer. As you can understand, this is all in the Lord's timing and direction.

What can you do to help us during this transition? Pray. First and foremost is pray. For our MWBM supporters, please redirect any moneys to: BIMI/ATTN: Accounts Receivable/PO BOX 9/HARRISON TN 37341/check memo: #1652 Daniel Norton. (There is NO change if you are already sending support to our home church, Shenandoah Baptist.)

MWBM will continue to receive our funds until the end of November and BIMI began accepting our funds this month. I will endeavor to contact all our supporters to schedule any necessary meetings for the spring trip. Perhaps some of these meetings could be scheduled for an earlier date via the internet while we are still in Slovenia, but I will not know until I speak with each church. I would ask that you be patient and pray with us during this transition for there are many unknowns. We need God to put all the pieces together.

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