

Barlows - Slovenia

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Dear Pastor and Church,

It is now harvest time in Slovenia for the farmers around our village. They have begun to process the corn fields that surround our house. We hope that the harvest for the Lord's work is now beginning as well. We have had a very eventful couple of months here in Slovenia. In this case, that is a very good thing. God has blessed His work in several ways and we want to give Him all the glory.

As I mentioned in the last letter, we had hoped to have a baptism service for Bostjan, a new Slovenian believer, and our own son Micah. We wanted to wait until the weather was hot, because even on the hottest days, the river water is still very frigid. That day did come and it was a landmark event for our ministry to baptize a new believer on the field. We praise God for giving us the perfect weather and location for this special step for both of them.



Also mentioned in the last letter was the start of the new work in Ljubljana. We finally had that first meeting and the total number of people that showed up for it was 20. We understand that when something new starts people are always interested until they find out what all is involved.

We do ask that you pray for this new work in the capital city of Ljubljana, that people that are open to the Truth would come with an open

mind ready to receive a message from the Word of God. Our desire is to be a presence in this city where there is little gospel witness. Ljubljana is a city of around 250,000 people.

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." Proverbs 25:25. This verse became even more real to us recently as we were excited to hear that another family, the John Grasty family from Waynesville, North Carolina, surrendered to be missionaries to the country of Slovenia. We are encouraged by this great news and I want to ask you to consider inviting them in to present their burden for this country. We know that they will be a blessing and encouragement to our family and the work here. They have already started raising support so they are available to schedule immediately. **Please pray for a speedy time of deputation for them.** For their contact information, please email me.

We ask that you would pray for us as we hand out invitations to our various meetings and for our interpersonal contact that we have with new friends here on a daily basis.

Again, I want to mention our intentions for a brief furlough next year, in the summer through the fall of 2012. If you would like to have us come report, please let me know as soon as possible. We have received several requests already and want to accommodate as many as we can but your help in knowing will help us even more to arrange our schedule.

May the Lord richly bless,

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