

Barlows - Slovenia

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Dear Pastor and Church,

I thought the weather in Oklahoma was fickle. In August, we had our first baptismal service and unseasonably warm weather. In September, we had our first snow storm of the season, up in the mountains above our village. At least now the warm weather is gone and I think we can expect a little more snow this year.

Our two works are going really well. The first work, near the village we live in, is attended by our family of five and anywhere from zero to five people. Those that do come, however, are very tuned in. To illustrate that, let me tell you what happened recently. We were blessed to host a supporting pastor and his wife, Pastor Doug Cassel and his wife Jenny from Bethel Baptist Church in Linton, Indiana. When one of the guys heard that they were coming, Joe, who I have asked you to pray for in many letters, he insisted on rounding up as many people as he could. Joe is not a believer, but he may be the best ambassador that we have. I told Pastor Cassel what to expect when we were heading to the meeting and to my surprise we ended up having 14 people with two first time visitors – some of them, because of Joe. We were treated with some special music from the Cassels, which the Slovenes enjoyed immensely (me too, by the way) and Pastor Cassel delivered a special message about the Holy Spirit. God used the message in a very direct way. One young lady that I have mentioned before, Anita, came to us after the service and asked us this question, “How do you know when you get the Holy Spirit?” Through her tears she explained how she hears about everyone being sure that they are saved, but that recently she has started to question whether she truly is or not. We pleaded with her to give her sin burden to God, but she feels like she is just not ready yet. God is working on her in a huge way. **Please pray for her.** Also, **pray for Joe and his girlfriend Mojca.** She was one of the first time visitors and has come back again since then. We have had them over to our house and she seems very open and eager to learn more.

The second work in the capital city of Ljubljana is going well also. We continue to have around 20 people every week with a one week high of 27. Again, this work is vaguely pointed at young people, since that is where we think we can make the most impact at this point, but we continue to have families take part. I recently discovered, as I was handing out tracts, that there was a high school within walking distance of where we meet. I am going to continue to fish in these waters a lot. **Please pray that the tracts will reach open and eager hearts.**

In November, our daughter Chelsea, who has been a student at Heartland Baptist Bible College, will be coming to visit us, along with Krista’s mother. It has been a long time since we have seen our little girl and we are very excited about it.

Also, we are still planning on coming back to the States in the summer of 2012 through the fall for a brief furlough and to take our oldest son, Nicholas, back to enroll in college. If you would like us to stop by and report, please let us know as soon as possible. We would like to visit all the churches that support us if it were possible, but also get into some new churches in an attempt to raise a little more support. I am currently trying to put a schedule together right now.

We appreciate your prayers and look forward to reporting great things that the Lord hath done here in Slovenia. It seems that we are so close to a breakthrough with so many. Just keep praying.

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