

Schnell Family News

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June-July, 2025

Dear Churches, Family, and Friends.

Warning: this is a 2 page report!

SLOVENIA: As of right now, Margie and I hope to be in Slovenia within 1 - 2 years. There are a lot more requirements by the Slovenian government than we had to face in Cambodia. And that was 15 years ago. We will have to have, and be able to prove, a certain level of monthly income, have health insurance, lease a home for more than 12 months, and a few other things, prior to even being able to apply for a long-term visa. **JOEL** wants to learn missions so he will be attending BBTI this year and then traveling to work with us in Slovenia. So, there will be extra things that we will need to figure out for Joel as he will be over 18 years.

We have committed to BBTI for this coming academic year. But I think that the staff would not mind if we were still around next year too. BBTI has allowed us to stay in our current house while on deputation. That is a huge blessing. We are praying that God will provide for us to move to Slovenia in November of next year.

During the spring of 2024, God very clearly let us know that He was releasing us from His service at BBTI to serve elsewhere. The clarity was amazing. Then I had a period of time of wondering WHY. Rather than just rejoicing, focusing on God, and moving forward, I found myself becoming somewhat melancholy and despondent. There was, perhaps, too much reflection on myself, looking for reasons why God was removing me from service at BBTI.

After having invested several years into BBTI back in the late 1990s, we came to love BBTI. Then God brought us back, and we invested even more time, energy, and love. We made it our home and thought investing in future missionaries was what we would be doing for the rest of our lives. We had a couple of "tent-making" businesses to help support ourselves. We started feeling like this was our final duty station and we looked forward to getting old here and being able to be a part of our children's and grandchildren's lives. And we were one of the two staff couples with actual missionary experience.

At the same time all of that was going through our heads, we were excited for the opportunity to forsake earthly possessions and worldly attachments.

We were thankful for the opportunity to provide our children and grandchildren a testimony of trusting and walking with God. We had challenged so many to cast off the cares of the world get busy about the Father's business. Now, they were watching us. Margie and I were praying and seeking God about serving in Muslim countries or Bibleless language groups that have no witness. We prayed about returning to SE Asia. But the Lord kept directing us to Eastern Europe. That is when the Lord directed us to Slovenia. One of the things that challenged our hearts was the fact that in Slovenia, as well as most of Eastern Europe, the people are atheistic and extremely apathetic towards God and the things of God. We felt that, while a form of Christianity has historically spread over Europe, the people have never truly been evangelized. I think here and there have been small groups of people who really got a hold of the gospel, but overall, there has been very little understanding of the gospel, and there exists much syncretism.

We are looking forward to trusting God in Slovenia and we feel God wants us to focus on more than just Slovenia. We have many ideas that we have laid out before the Lord, and so far, God has not rejected any. We are anxious to get there so we can see more clearly just what we can do and figure out how to do it. We will need to learn the language and probably more than one language. We figure we have 20 good years, maybe 25, before age related problems start limiting us, so we want to do as much as we can in the time we have left. But we do not want to sacrifice quality work. We want to see churches in Slovenia who have a vision for God's work.

Pray for us! We kind of feel like God is wanting to do something grand and He has invited us to go along on His adventure! We know God will not fail us! That is a certainty! My concern is my faith failing to believe and rest in God.

CAMBODIA RADIO MINISTRY: The Lord has provided enough to keep broadcasting through the end of 2025! Praise and thanks be to God! Our goal is to continue this radio ministry even though we will be serving in Slovenia. Thank you everyone who has helped keep this broadcast going! One-month costs \$250, and that is for a 30 minute time slot, 7 days a week, from 7:30 pm- 8:00 pm weekdays and Saturday, and Sunday morning 7:30 am – 8:00 am.

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BBTI: Bro Chris, the new director, has pretty much taken over full oversight for maintenance, administration, representation, and whatever else needs doing for BBTI. Pray for him as he has taken a lot on his plate. He has lightened my load to be able to do deputation for Slovenia. But there are a few projects he asked for me to help see completed this upcoming year. In addition to that I will be teaching Culture, Chronological, and Ethnomusicology like usual. However, these subjects will now be taught in a block. Instead of teaching 2 hours a day plus a few afternoon classes for 13 weeks, I will be teaching for 4 hours every morning, plus afternoon classes for 6 weeks. That is going to mean a lot more homework for the students, and that they are going to have to listen to me all morning long, every day, for 6 weeks. I ask that you pray things go smoothly and the students learn what they need. Classes start August 18th.

LIBERIA: Our trip to Liberia went very well. We had 5 students. Two of them were Liberian girls! It was the first time we taught such an abbreviated Advanced Missionary Training course. Our daughter Ariana did a tremendous job teaching Phonetics, Phonemics, Morphology/Syntax, and Literacy. I taught Situational Language Learning, Cultural Anthropology/Culture Learning for Missionaries, Ethnomusicology, and Chronological Bible Teaching. We visited several missionaries, several Liberian Churches, attended some local Bible studies, witnessed to several, handed out several Good & Evil evangelism books, showed the Good & Evil animated series, showed 90-minute Chron Bible video called "The Hope", and preached in one church. I really tried to keep my message simple and use simple practical English. But even though English is the official language of Liberia, probably only about 20% understood my message. Syncretism in Liberia is extreme, and it was difficult to make sure people correctly understood what we were saying.

It was a very good reminder for Margie, Joel and I to prepare us for future cross-cultural ministry in Slovenia. The Lord also showed Margie and I some adjustments we are going to have to make in our relationship and the way we minister. When we went to Cambodia Margie always had a bunch of little ones to care for. When we go to Slovenia it is going to be just her and I (well Joel too!) so, we are going to have to minister more together as a team.

FAMILY: Pray for **Ariana**. She will be attending Equip International's Missionary Medical Intensive Course this fall. Then in December she will head to Ukraine where she will work with a missionary family and see how she can use her medical nursing skills, help with evangelism, and get involved in Bible studies. She is currently learning Russian and will learn Ukrainian after arriving there. She will go for a period of one year. After that she will prayerfully reevaluate the possibility of fulltime medical mission work. (And after one year her savings account will pretty much be depleted.) Ariana needs to fulfill one last requirement for her BA in Nursing. She was finishing her BA online through Ohio University. The final requirement is to submit a hospital related study or plan. She has been working at a fantastic hospital in Nebraska, but Ohio University will not accept anything from the state of Nebraska. Pray she can get all these things worked out.

Nathanael has committed to helping ALERT International working with young men until June of 2026. The work he does there is voluntary. After June he will be seeking the Lord as to what God would have for him in the way of service.

Jadon should be getting his instructors license by September. Then he will work for ALERT International, helping train young men in the ALERT flight program. Jadon has committed to giving them a few years working under a more experienced instructor. His goal is still being a mission's pilot.

Everyone else is doing fine. And I am out of space for this already way too long prayer letter.

Thank You all once again. May God bless you and use you in the field where you are! For God and His Glory!!!

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