

THE SCHNELL FAMILY NEWS



2Cor 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

December 2025

Dear Churches, Family, and Friends.

2026 is here! This is going to be an exciting year! A lot of changes are expected to take place around the world. We hope to be in Slovenia by years end, beginning to learn the language and reaching the lost.

Travels/Meetings/Support: We have had three new churches partner with us! We have also visited several supporting churches and presented our change in ministry. We knew our home church would be helping us substantially, but Pastor Summers just announced that Bible Baptist Church wants to be supporting us more than we ever hoped. Margie and I had set the end of 2026 as our goal for being in Slovenia. Even though I sometimes think it might end up being spring of 2027, in the beginning, both of us felt the Lord was going to get us there by the end of 2026. Many times, I have curiously asked God how He is going to make it happen. God just seems to say, "You do your part, and I will take care of the rest."

Our schedule is full through the middle of March. Then we only have one or two meetings a month. We have a lot that needs to happen before the end of 2026. Pray God will open doors, and that we will be faithful to represent Him and what He wants us to do in Slovenia.

Slovenia: Brother Barlow in Slovenia is currently trying to get some believers together to register as a "religious community". Rules have recently changed, possibly making that much easier. It will serve as an "NGO" of sorts that can then sponsor people to come in as legitimate church workers. That should make getting visas a little easier and future ministry as well. Please pray.

Slovakia Citizenship: I am attempting to file for citizenship by descent in Slovakia. I know, it is not Slovenia and we are not changing horses midstream. We are dedicated to following God's leading to Slovenia! Both Slovakia and Slovenia are members of the European Union, as are all the countries surrounding Slovenia. And our children may desire to seek Slovakian citizenship to open doors for their future ministry. Both of my grandparents on my mother's side were born in the administrative Prešov region of modern-day Slovakia. Please pray.

Cambodian Radio Ministry: Thank all of you once again! I am in awe how God has provided for this ministry through you and continues to provide. The radio program is supplied through the end of April! That is four months, a third of 2026! I recently messaged and talked with Pastor Soeung and he is doing well. His son is

leading the singing and devotions at Damnakchangaeu Baptist Church. I have messaged with Seng in Khmer and it was a huge challenge. I cannot believe how bad I have gotten at spelling and typing. Please continue to pray for this program. It is the longest, continually running program in Kampot & Kep Province. Pastor Soeung is making a difference and providing a Biblical gospel witness to the Buddhism, Islam, and cults present in the area.

Cambodian Baptist Church in Fort Worth:

In December we came across two boxes of Good & Evil books in the Khmer language and two boxes of Khmer Bibles that were given to us years ago. We hoped to return for a visit to Cambodia and take them with us, but now that we are going to Slovenia, we had to get them into good hands. We sent the Bibles to a Cambodian missionary who was in California for furlough. The Bibles are now in Cambodia, being used in church & Bible school. The G&E books, we took to a Khmer Church in Fort Worth. They start their Sunday School at 1:00 pm & main service at 2:00 pm. We arrived at 12:45 pm and in the fellowship area of the church they had traditional Khmer noodles, BawBaw, Khmer waffles, fish sauce, hot sauce, and other desserts. So, the Lord really treated us! We walked in speaking Khmer and they were amazed. Their hearts opened and we all laughed, they shared their stories, and we encouraged them in the Lord. It was a VERY Khmer service right here in Texas! They were thrilled for the G&E books and handed a lot of them out. Many spoke English as their second language. So, these books were going to be a great resource for the pastor to help them see the big picture of the Bible and understand where and how all the stories or events fit together in one masterful story of the battle between Good & Evil, redemption, and a King & His Kingdom. We were blessed.

Thank You all for your prayers and help. May the love & grace of God abound toward all of you.

The Schnell Family.... Steve, Margaret & Joel

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A note from Margie

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name. Psalm 100: 4

January 2026

Dear family and friends,

Happy New Year 2026!

Greetings from Texas! Once again, another year has flown by so quickly!

First, we want to thank y'all for your faithful prayers for our family and ministry. Also, thank you for all the financial support for our family. We are amazed at how the financial support comes in to keep the Cambodia Radio Broadcast going. It is all greatly appreciated.

I pray that this finds you all blessed with good health, as it leaves us with so very much to be thankful for. We are ready to begin the second semester of BBTI 2025/2026. The classes have all been going well.

Joel is a BBTI student this term.

It has been a blessed year of many changes!

We are still involved in the school here, but the Lord is allowing us to go back to the foreign field, so we are traveling to report to churches whenever we can get meetings. We are very grateful for a couple of new churches that have promised to partner with us as we go to Slovenia, our new mission field. Steve and I took a 10-day survey trip to Slovenia in Nov. It was a good trip and a real eye opener in so many ways. We are so thankful we were able to make that trip. And we are excited that the Lord is directing Joel to go to Slovenia with us to learn missions firsthand.

Our summer mission trip to Liberia from June 23rd to Aug. 2nd also went well. Steve and Ariana both did excellent jobs teaching all the classes.

Now Ariana left for Ukraine on the 9th of Dec. We appreciate y'all's prayers for her. She plans to minister with the Skean family in Uzhhorod for a year. She has just moved into her own apartment and has found a language tutor. She is doing well.

Our year started out on a sad note as my 98yr.old mom went home to be with the Lord in Jan. We were in Ohio with Steve Jr., Cassie, and Damon when we got the sad news of her sudden passing. We had planned to go visit her the next week. She is still greatly missed! But so many precious memories remain. We haven't made it back to Ohio again, but hope to in the near future. We miss not seeing Steve's more often. Little Damon will be 3 already in April. We spent a 5-day vacation in the Smoky Mountains with all our family in June. It was a very special time to all be together. That was right after YMC (Youth Missionary Challenge) here at BBTI. As you can tell, we had a very busy summer.

We are thankful to have Dom, Elicia, and family close by. Their children are growing up fast. Elaina is 9, Owen is 7, and Caleb will be 2 in Feb. We enjoyed a zoo day together this summer, also a cookie baking day and a candy making day, and many other things. The Lord only knows how much we are going to miss our children and grandchildren when we go to Slovenia.

Nathanael is engaged to a wonderful young lady. We were blessed to have Liza Kayte come spend Thanksgiving week with us. She is a very sweet young lady, and we are looking forward to having her join the family. Nathanael and Liza will be married on June 28th.

Jadon and Nathanael are both working within leadership at ALERT academy. We were glad to have them home some over the holidays.

We rehomed our last 2 Jack Russel dogs in June. It was bittersweet, but a needed thing to do as we begin this new chapter in our lives. We have collected many earthly possessions over the past 14 years living here in Bowie, so now it is time to do some cleaning out. What to do with it all is a big question.

We are excited to see what all the Lord has for us to do for Him in this new year.

Steve is still teaching some classes and helps with maintenance around BBTI when we are here. I occasionally help with the lady's work-detail and also do a few housecleaning jobs in town.

The new addition to the school building is coming along nicely.

We still set up and sell things at the local flea market once a month on Saturday. I make many kinds of baked goods for that. Elicia bakes sourdough bread to sell too. We also sell jams, jellies, honey etc.

Joel is working at finishing up his Acellus online school this year along with the BBTI missionary training classes.

We appreciate your prayers for students for the new school term in the Fall.

We wish to thank each one that has sent special love offerings over the holidays. Thank you for being used of the Lord in our lives and the ministry here. We could not be here doing what we do without your help. We especially want to thank our home church family for their love & support!

Thank you, and God bless y'all in 2026!

Love and Prayers,

Margie... for the Schnell's