

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.

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Dear Churches, Family, and Friends.

Hello once again. Margie, Joel and I trust you are doing well and rejoicing in the Lord. The past two months have been very busy. We have scheduled many meetings and have already presented our burden for Slovenia in quite a few. We still have openings in our schedule, so pray we can get them filled up and get to Slovenia as soon as possible.

Travels/Meetings/Support: Praise the Lord we are now over 50% of the way to the level of promised support needed for Slovenia. We have been all over Texas, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Mississippi, Alberta Canada, and Oklahoma. Many more to come. Thank you to all the churches who have partnered with us to get the gospel to Slovenia. We do not take your sacrifice lightly. We will do everything in our power to walk and serve in manner worthy of your trust.

The Slovenian government needs us to be able to demonstrate a certain level of monthly support. Not only do we need to meet a specific level for Margie and I, but Joel will need to have his own support as well. We can provide the government with an affidavit stating that we will provide that for Joel. All three of us will also need to have health insurance, and a long-term lease or rental contract for a house. Joel may need to be enrolled in college classes. There are a few other things, but those are the biggest hurdles. On top of that we hope to have extra for evangelism, printing, translation, purchasing bibles & tracts, travel, etc.

The Lord has blessed us with some awesome church meetings and mission conferences. It has been very encouraging to see churches walking with God, hungry to know Him better, and that have a desire to get the gospel to their communities and out around the world. The saints who make up these churches have really been a blessing to us. It has been great to see the people of God partnering together to reach the world and help each other. Our hope is to see churches like the ones we have had the opportunity to attend established in Slovenia, with the same passion and commitment to God.

Slovenia: Eli & Mackenzie Cook arrived in Slovenia at the end of February. Pray for them as they get settled with their small children and get started in language school. I have to say that Margie, Joel and I are somewhat jealous, but with a godly jealousy.

Cambodian Radio Ministry: Wow! In the last prayer letter, I said this program is funded through April. Let me change that. It is funded through June 2026! And that whole six months has been provided by God through

you, separate from our support for Slovenia! Can you believe that?! We hope to keep this program going, even after we transition to Slovenia. Thank you!

BBTI: We are currently working on installing a new wireless network at BBTI. There are several projects I hope to see finished before we leave for Slovenia. But I am quickly learning that I am not a very good multi-tasker. BBTI has graduation on Saturday, May 16, 2026. You are all welcome to attend. Then BBTI has Youth Missionary Challenge (YMC 2026) June 1st – 3rd. And something brand new this year is BBTI Family Camp from June 8th – 12th. We will be participating in each one of these events. The YMC and Family Camp intend to have a missions focus to help make young people and families more aware of world & local missions. We try to challenge those who attend to make sure they understand the gospel, evangelism, what missions is, and that it is a “can do” task entrusted to our care.

Family: Our family is going to be busy this summer. Margie and I are cleaning out so we can go to Slovenia without leaving the burden to others. Nathanael and Liza are getting married on June 28th in a small service with immediate family. They want to start their life together simply yet pleasing to God. Ariana is in Uzhhorod Ukraine. She is learning the language and culture. She is doing well. Pray for her finances as well as some minor health issues. Jadon is still working on his commercial pilot’s license and instructor’s license. He will be ministering at ALERT the next year or two. Steve Jr, Cassie and Damon are doing well. Pray for a suitable job for Steve so they can have Sundays to attend Church. Dom, Elicia, Elaina, Owen, and Caleb are doing well. Joel still has some high school to finish up. He is also attending BBTI classes, so pray he gets his schooling done before we go to Slovenia.

Website: A big thank you to Silver Bullet Web Solutions in Bowie, TX for building our website and managing it. Check it out: <https://schnellslovenia.org/>

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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