



*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.

Greetings! We trust this letter will find all of you doing well. Walking in truth & faith. Growing in grace & in knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And God finding you to be faithful and trustworthy, as we can always find Him to be. We have entered into a fellowship with God to get the gospel to Slovenia and surrounding regions. Our faith may be weak, but our God fails not.

**SLOVENIA: We are available and scheduling meetings to present what God has laid on our hearts concerning getting the gospel to Slovenia. If you are interested in having us, just contact us at either of the numbers listed below or at our personal email address at the bottom of this letter.**

Two churches allowed us to be a part of their mission's conferences. And we are blessed that they both decided to partner with us as we go to Slovenia.

We will be making a 10-day trip to Slovenia on November 10<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. The Lord so far has provided for everything. Perhaps we should not expect too much for only a 10-day visit, but we do ask you to pray for several things.

- 1.) Establish the beginnings of a good, working relationship with the only missionary we know of in Slovenia. For understanding, unity of purpose, charity. That Margie and I would listen, observe, and learn.
- 2.) Direction as to WHERE God would want us to live in Slovenia.
- 3.) Contacts & connections.
- 4.) A more thorough understanding of the language and culture and of the spiritual needs of Slovenia.
- 5.) Get a better understanding of the quality of the Slovenian Bible translation, availability of evangelism and discipleship materials, translation needs, how online resources can be utilized.
- 6.) Gain a more thorough understanding of cost of living, the visa requirements, educational opportunities and requirements for Joel.
- 7.) Gain insight into various ways we might be able to minister the gospel in Slovenia. So, we can better develop, hone, or correct the ideas and vision we have for Slovenia.
- 8.) Safety. Learning to use public transportation.

- 9.) Margie and I to grow in our relationship with God and each other as we learn how to minister and serve as a team without young children. We are extremely excited about this new undertaking God is sending us on.

I better stop there. It is only 10 days, right? What can God do in 10-days? After all, what was God able to do in 6-days?

**Joel** finished Culture class, cross-cultural communication, ethnomusicology, and chronological Bible teaching at BBTI. He is now well into Phonetics class. He is on schedule to complete his high school 12<sup>th</sup> grade as well as BBTI in May of 2026. Joel will either need to get his own visa to go to Slovenia, in which case he will need to show he is financially able to care for himself and have health insurance, etc. Or he can enroll in a university or approved trade school and enter on a study visa. He will still need to meet financial and health insurance requirements. As his parents, we will be able to submit an affidavit stating that we are providing for him financially.

**CAMBODIA RADIO MINISTRY:** Again, thanks and praise be to God! This ministry is funded through end of 2025! And also, though February of 2026 as well! Pray for Pastor Soeung, he is 71 years old, but going strong.

**FAMILY: Ariana** completed EQUIP International's Missionary Medical Intensive Course. She will be heading to Ukraine this winter. **Nathanael** and **Jadon** are serving in the ministry at ALERT International. The other children and grandchildren are doing fine and walking with God. And once again, I am out of space.

Thank You all for your prayers and help. May God bless you and use you in the field where you are! For God and His Glory!!!

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

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