

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.



March & April 2026

Dear Churches, Family, and Friends.

We have been busy and covered many miles with the van. The Lord has allowed us to visit some excellent churches. We have gleaned from these churches traits that we would like to see established in churches in Slovenia. We have been encouraged. Thank you to all the churches and saints we met so far for being faithful and steadfast in your love for God and clarity of the gospel.

We dodged some bad weather recently, as two storms that gave off tornados missed us by a couple of miles. We were in the storm shelter at Dom & Elicia's for one storm and the storm shelter at BBTI for the next. Other towns and people were not so fortunate. Pray, as many lost everything.

Travels/Meetings/Support: We are now over 65% to the level of promised support needed for Slovenia. We are greatly humbled by the giving and sacrifices made so that Slovenia can hear the gospel. Thank you to everyone who has partnered with us in prayer and financially.

We are still scheduling meetings. Let us know if you would like us to present the ministry in Slovenia at your church. Do not worry if you cannot support the ministry in Slovenia. If we can be a help, encouragement, or blessing to your church or family in any way, we are willing. If you would like to learn more about foreign missions, learning languages & cultures, or cross-cultural ministry, we are available. God is faithful! Do not hesitate to contact us.

We had one young person write and thank us for reminding & challenging them that we are never too young or too old to serve God. I am not sure who that "too old" reference was about, LOL. At a recent mission conference three young people surrendered to missions. The main speaker had some very good messages.

When we went to Cambodia and then came to BBTI it was not a great sacrifice or struggle. It just seemed like it was the right thing to do and so we did it. We never really experienced what other missionaries talked about. But this time there is a struggle in our hearts, not for leaving possessions, but as we think of leaving a beloved ministry, and mostly as we think of leaving our family. And not being around as they grow and navigate through life trying to honor God.

Cambodian Radio Ministry: The Lord continues to amaze me. It is now funded through August 2026! It has been provided for separately from the Slovenian ministry. It is just a few individuals and one church who have taken this as their personal ministry. THANK YOU! When I tell Pastor Soeung how the Lord has provided, he laughs, cries and praises God. You are an encouragement to him. The gospel continues to go out 7 days a week over a 30-minute program on the main radio station in Kampot Province. THANK YOU!

BBTI: We have installed a 50 foot Rohn antenna tower and have ordered all the new equipment and radios to upgrade the wireless network. There are a lot of new things to learn. Pray we can get it installed and operating soon. We have several other projects to complete as well.

Jungle Camp went well. Bro Chris Matthews did great. The students really enjoyed the challenge and learned many new things. I only camped out one night. Margie and Joel made it for the whole week. Margie and I used hammocks this year instead of a tent.

Pray for the BBTI graduation on Saturday, May 16. You are all invited. Don't forget the Youth Missionary Challenge (YMC 2026) June 1st – 3rd. And the BBTI Family Camp from June 8th – 12th. We help with each of those events. Visit the BBTI website or Facebook page for more information <https://baptisttranslators.com>

Family: Ariana loves Ukraine and is learning the language well. When she uses the little bit of the language she knows well, people assume she is Ukrainian, that is until she runs out of vocabulary. She says she found her spot and loves it there. Margie attended Liza's bridal shower in Liberty Hill, Texas at Liza's dad's church. Liza is a wonderful young lady. We look forward to getting to know her family. They have given their lives in service of the Savior. Nathanael is finishing up his final Basic Training at ALERT. He has mixed emotions about leaving that ministry. Joel is doing well at BBTI classes but falling behind some at his high school. Please pray for him. Jadon is waiting on his check-rides for his final licensing so he can begin instructing others in ALERT's flight training program. In Ohio, Steve Jr, Cassie and Damon are doing well. Damon loves attending pre-school a few days each week and learns fast. Steve is still looking for a better job so they can attend church as a family. Pray for them. Here in Bowie, Dom, Elicia, Elaina, Owen, and Caleb are doing well. Elicia is taking online classes and Dom's job is going well. Margie was asked to speak to a lady's group and give a public testimony several times. She did a fantastic job. She is not a public speaker and is in no way comfortable, but God is doing something in her life. It is great to watch her grow as the Lord uses her. We still have a lot of sorting and cleaning out to do. Please pray we will be able to get rid of these earthly possessions!

Website: We are still working on our website and other social media pages. Check it out a let us know what you think. <https://schnellslovenia.org/>

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

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