



*Greetings from
the Surovcek Family.
...your missionaries in Slovakia*

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"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Galatians 6:9

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

We are so grateful to all of you for all the blessings we received this Christmas through your notes, greetings cards, and special financial gifts. Only the Lord knows how much we do appreciate you for standing behind us and our work here in Slovakia as we see His hand here at work.

In my last newsletter, I shared with you how the soil here seems to be so hard. Toward the end I tried to encourage us, as well as you, to press on by doing well, preaching, plowing, and planting the Gospel seed through every opportunity that the Lord gives us. (Galatians 6:9)

Praise the Lord, in the second half of the year 2017, the Lord allowed us to see fruit of some of our work. Our youth group led 4 teenagers toward accepting Christ as their Savior, and in the last week of July at English Bible Camp, 3 children ages 8-12 asked the Lord in prayer to be saved. Once again, Friendswood team from Texas came and visited with our youth group and did a wonderful job sharing the Gospel with our Slovak kids. Please pray for these kids as some of them are a good distance from us, and others are not allowed by their parents to be involved in our church activities due to their religious background.

It is a joy and great reward for every missionary, pastor, and church body to see new converts grow in the Lord. Because of God's grace, we are so blessed to see it here in Liptov. Sister Kamilka returned from Russia safely and is teaching Russian at the local Lutheran High school. She is a living testimony, sharing Christ and the need to be born again with students. Her, as a Baptist, starting prayer meetings with students on the school ground is a shock and challenge to the local priest. So far they tolerate her activities. Bro. Pato, former hockey student, is also faithful to the Lord working with young people, and involved with leading Bible study for youth. Please continue to pray for our youth as they share Christ in their schools and through church activities.

We are thankful for our Vavrisovo Baptist Church and for the extended hand of opportunity to be involved in the birth of a new Baptist church in the city of L.Mikulas. Praise the Lord for this open door that He provided us with last year in December. We are excited about this new work and aware of the new responsibilities and challenges. This new church is built-up of few born again Christians that are still starting from scratch with financial needs, but with discernment, excitement, responsibilities, and God's call.

In closing, we thank you so much for keeping us in your hearts and prayers. May God's blessing be with you throughout the whole new year 2018.

Yours in Christ,
The Surovceks