

**Dear Friends and Family~
Praise God for His constant care for us in every situation!**

This last month has held many surprises for us from the Lord's hand, and we want to share them with you so you can rejoice in Him with us! Also, He is continuing to shape us and lead us in our service to Him here. The arrival of spring truly marked a new season for both of us, as God is putting new things in our hearts to do in love to Him.

Dejan has been blessed to lead the men's Bible study in a little different format lately. He felt God's leading to change the format from a lecture-style Bible study to more of a facilitated discussion, which seems to be yielding wonderful results. It gives all of the men an opportunity to verbalize what the Lord showed them in the passage and for the discussion to go off in several different directions. Dejan has enjoyed this, as it has enabled him both to teach and observe, while being present to navigate difficult concepts and doctrines. The men are also more comfortable in that setting to ask questions. He really hopes that these Bible studies will contribute to growth in leadership of the men who attend and give everyone a chance to learn from each other. The next **men's Bible study is on April 25th**.

A new development is that I will begin **leading the women's ministry** in the church starting this month. The previous leader, Andrea Dirki, is moving to Split, Croatia to help our good friends Tim & Grace as they plant a church. As much as I had been resisting getting very involved in the church before I had a good foundation in the language, Andrea helped me to see how God has been preparing me for this, and the Lord also worked both the willingness and the desire in my heart to fully embrace it. It really is exciting and scary all at the same time, but the Lord is giving me vision, to have a team of women ministering, and to see others raised up to take on more responsibility in serving Him. Please pray for me in this! We will be meeting the last Friday of every month, **beginning April 28th**.



*Bible Workshop
info/invitation poster*

We mentioned in our last letter about how the Lord seems to be opening up the door for ministry in the central and southern parts of Serbia. And what could be more central than Belgrade? For the last two weeks, the youth pastor, Kris, and a small group of people from the church have been **meeting in the very heart of Belgrade to lead a "Bible Workshop"**. Please pray for them. Dejan is just one among many in the church who have long been praying for a work of God's Spirit to happen in this hard city, and we hope that either he or both of us will be able to be involved in God's time. A team travels there every Thursday.

Translation is going well. Dejan is moving steadily through the book of Romans by transcript and is close to completing the recording for Acts. The CD drive recently broke down and has been reported unrepairable, so we need to acquire a new one so that the finished audio can be burned to disc for editing, etc. Please continue to pray for Dejan, the equipment, and for Rudi as he works on editing the recordings. We know that the Lord will faithfully preserve His work!

As we've written to you often of the youngest believers in the fellowship, the Lord has moved Dejan in the direction of **meeting with Srdjan to disciple him**. He is only a few months old in the Lord, and he is interested in doing this. Both Dejan and I wish someone would have invested time into specifically teaching us the basics of Christianity and the Bible, so it's a chance to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. It seems that those in the church who were discipled (also called mentoring), tend to continue walking with the Lord as opposed to those who just "come to church" every week but don't have any direct input. This is probably why, in the "great commission", Jesus said, **"Go and make disciples...teaching them to observe all things I commanded you..."** (Matt. 28:19-20). This is the heartbeat of why we are here, and it's exciting to experience!

Personally, we are doing quite well. I am learning more and more just how much I need to learn about being a missionary and just being a Christian in general. Walking in the light is wonderful, but it sure exposes a lot of things! We are both learning how to rest more in God's care for us, knowing that if we seek Him, stay close to Him and in His Word, we don't need to worry about anything.

Thanks for letting us share with you. By grace,

Dejan & Julie <><

Praise Reports

- God's special provision for us through His people, enabling us to repair & register our little car on time, among many, many other things!
- progress in Julie's health, provision for treatment & testing
- God working in us to will and to do His good pleasure

Prayer Requests

- Daily filling of the Holy Spirit
- continued growth in our marriage; adjustment to life here; restored health
- a financial "head", through which we can receive support
- for Dejan: wisdom in discipling; Srdjan's growth in the Lord; translation & equipment needs
- weekly Thursday outreach and Bible study in Belgrade, for provision, safety and boldness of those going, and God to move and work in the hearts of many for salvation and faith in Him.
- Men's & Women's Bible studies, April 25th and 28th
- for Julie: clear direction from God in the women's ministry, Bible study preparation; language study
- salvation of Dejan's mom
- whatever else the Lord puts on your heart...

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Financial Support

We regret to inform you that our 6-month pursuit of channeling support through the missions organization was dead-ended because we are long-term missionaries, and the organization cannot accept long-term missionaries based on their current legal status.

Please pray that God will direct us in establishing financial accountability elsewhere. We believe He has a perfect plan, "having provided some better thing for us" (Heb.11). Until then, we will continue to receive support as in the past. Thank you for your understanding.

