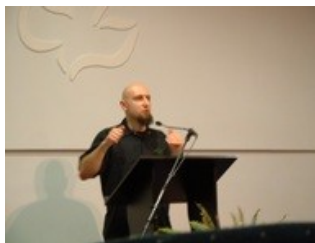


Our Beloved Family and Friends,

Wow! So much has happened in the last month! Below are the highlights:

Can We Trust the Bible?

The LORD used a man in our fellowship to arouse the interest of the owner of this local bookshop to hold a workshop about spiritual (Christian) subjects, and by God's grace it all is coming together. This Friday, April 20, Dejan, our pastor Ljuban, and youth pastor Kris, will be going to this shop to discuss the trustworthiness of the Bible. It will be open to the public, with Dejan giving the main presentation and then all three pastors will be on the panel for questions & answers. There are of course many unknowns, and we covet your prayer support for it, from now until even after it's over. This is an amazing and unexpected opportunity, another for which we did not ask or seek. May the LORD continue to lead and guide us into the good works He has planned for us!

**Happenings at the church**

Wednesday study on the character of Daniel



Aniko shares her testimony during the women's fellowship



Larisa & Julie at our Easter worship service

As we are gearing up to begin serving the people involved in music ministry at the church, there are a lot of postponements, many of them encouraging! As the women's ministry was expanded to two meetings per month and Dejan took on teaching Wednesday nights, our schedule got more full in a blessed way. And then there were the preparations for Easter in all the church ministries, also a blessing. Julie was able to meet with Larisa to work on harmonies for the Easter songs and it was like a test-run, a very successful one! We are enjoying teaching and discipling and fellowshiping, but sometimes the personal experience in preparing is a battle or things don't turn out as well as we would like and there is discouragement. Overall, though, God's grace is keeping us going, and He is leading us into the joys of knowing that as we serve Him, whether or not we or others are pleased with the results, He is enjoying us.

A Door Opened...

On the last Saturday of March, a local music club hosted the second „open“ phase of a band competition, and our band was able to sign up and play. This was a long-awaited open door to do public ministry, as so far, the band's outreach is to the various teens and young adults who show up for the weekly practices held at the church. There were some technical issues and the crowd wasn't too keen on hearing any messages between the four songs played, but nevertheless, it was a good experience. To the disappointment of a few friends, we didn't win that night, but that wasn't our purpose in playing. We were there to glorify the LORD and be among the



4 of God's men in the lion's den

people there as witnesses, not just on-stage, but before and afterwards as well.

We're abundantly blessed to be a part of what the LORD is doing here. Thank you for standing with us in prayer and holding us up with your love and encouragements. We pray that the LORD will bless you for it and give you all that you need.

Loving Him,
Dejan & Julie <><

P.S. Thank You! We want to again thank each of you who have written to us and sent us packages recently. We've been showered with love and surprises!

Occasions for Praise

- the crowd that turned out for the Easter service
- another chance to visit Ramona
- super-fun fellowship & a *blessed* visit by one of our married-couple friends
- concert opportunity for the band to play & witness

Prayer Requests

- Spirit-filled lives
- growing unity in our marriage
- increased health, strength
- the forum „Can We Trust the Bible?“ **Friday, April 20th**, that the LORD will draw people, all other spiritual aspects
- **for Dejan:** grace & wisdom to balance a full load of ministry responsibilities & opportunities; good progress in translation; God's anointing & power in the Wednesday Bible studies, the Men's study – **April 23rd**; time to meet with Nebojsa for discipleship
- **for Julie:** wisdom in how to grow in her gifts of music & teaching, Women's study – **April 28th**; good progress in language study (that the hard Serbian grammatical concepts will „click“) and wisdom in how & what to say as people open up more to speak with her in Serbian
- help for those in our church body who are struggling in many ways (emotionally, relationally, financially, physically) including those with critical health conditions
- salvation for Dejan's mom
- whatever else the Lord puts on your heart...

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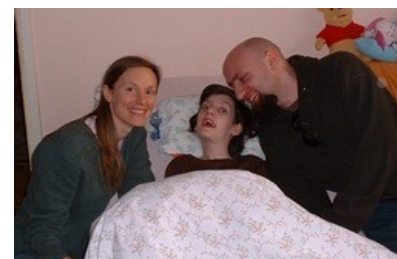
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