

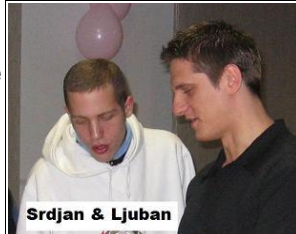
Grace and peace to you from our God and Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

It is good to see how God is faithful and how He is working:

In the past month we had a lot of things going on, some pleasant and some not so pleasant. We saw the Lord answer prayers and His faithfulness.

A New Life in Christ

If you remember we wrote to you about a young man who had problems with drug addiction and strong influence of the enemy in his family. His name is Srdjan, and as far back as he can remember there was some kind of occult activity in his life (black magic, astrology) that influenced his behavior in the past. That eventually led him into a destructive path of drugs, addiction and constant visits to psychiatrists and psychiatric wards.



Around New Year's we reported that his mom received Christ and started bringing him to the church. This act and one lady at the church who literally invested all her time in him were the Lord's ways of drawing him. At our New Year service and fellowship, he prayed for the first time out loud! Not soon after he received Christ as his savior— a time that we all have been waiting and praying for.

Since his conversion, the Lord started rapidly changing him. Before, he couldn't fall asleep without medication since he had fears of death, but now for a while he has been "sleeping like a baby" (in his own words) without any medicine but only prayer!!! The Lord delivered him from his fears, addictions, and the enemy's chains that were binding him. He is also able for the first time in years to go alone outside without supervision, and he has been telling his old drug-addict friends how God and the Bible changed his life! He is hungry for the Lord and His Word, coming to every service 30 or 45 min. early, and sometimes he comes to the church in the mornings when only Ljuban, Kris or I are there. He is loving fellowship other believers. The Lord is using him to work in many people in the fellowship. Thank you for joining us in prayer for his life. It is truly amazing to see how our God works!

Teaching Opportunities

I taught 4 times at the main services in January (2 on Wednesday and 2 on Sunday) since Ljuban was absent one week and then sick the other. The messages were from the book of Hebrews, since that has been a book I have been using to teach in Ljuban's absence. The Lord was faithful to speak, and it was awesome to see the response, since twice He put on my heart to give opportunity for the people in the fellowship to respond. They did, and it was good to see how the Lord encouraged others in their faith.

The men's Bible study continues to be a blessing, and I am blessed to witness the Lord's work in the lives of the men in our fellowship. He is clearly challenging them in the areas of leadership at home and in the church. Please continue to keep our monthly meetings in your prayers.

Delivered Through Trials

The biggest trial this past month for us was health issues. As we mentioned it to you in our last newsletter, Julie has been experiencing many problems with infections and her kidneys. Last month we went to see two specialists and did many tests (both of us).

Thankfully, we were able to find out what is causing the problems! We are now both being treated, using medicine that is supposed to get rid of this bacteria which was resistant to the others. Pray that it will happen, since we don't want to put trust just in man's methods.

All those tests and doctors visits cost us a lot of time, patience and money that we didn't have. But the Lord came through and extended what we had to this month. And we trust the Lord and pray that He will give us strength as we go through this.

Another thing that happened was that our car broke down, engine problems. It is not so surprising since it is some 17 years old and not the best of cars out there, but I am supposed to register it for 2006 this month. If it isn't fixed, I will miss the due date and then when I can register it after repairs, it will cost more than double. Please pray that the Lord will provide us money for fixing it and ability to register it on time. When all this gets done I would like to sell it (please pray for that), since it is costing us more than it is worth for its age.

Praise Reports

- Salvation and growth of the young man struggling to be free from drugs and the occult
- A smooth week overseeing the church in the pastor's absence; blessed teaching
- Discovery of the root of Julie's health problems
- More free worship and growth in true fellowship among the church

Prayer Requests

- Continually open hearts, eyes and hands to the Lord
- Spirit-filled lives & marriage
- Provision for car repairs & registration
- Healing for Julie; all that is needed for treatment & follow-up tests
- Wisdom for church leadership to plan upcoming outreaches
- growth in love and freedom to worship within the church body
- Men's Bible Study, Feb. 28
- Continued guidance and ability for translation; protection of technical equipment
- For Rudi as he begins editing audio translation: strength, time, wisdom
- whatever else the Lord puts on your heart...

Special Prayer Request

Rozalija, Srdjan's mom, is a new Christian, and she is struggling with some major giants in her life right now which are serious obstacles to her growth in the Lord. Marija, the woman who has invested her time into reaching this family and discipling them, requests

prayer specifically for her at this time. Rozalija struggles with truly believing that God has delivered her



son from his drug addiction and fear for him which distracts her from her own walk with God, bitterness and unforgiveness towards her husband, and a hardness of heart towards those parts of God's Word which are aimed at these issues.

We firmly believe that God will bring deliverance to Rozalija as we intercede on her behalf. Please also pray for Marija, as she is spiritually attacked for ministering to this family.

Translation

Praise God, I finished the transcripts for the book of Acts, and soon I will finish audio recording! It's on to Romans this month. The Lord is using already this work for some pastors in south Serbia interested in Calvary Chapel teaching. Since they do not speak English this will be a great blessing for them.

After much prayer and seeking who can help out in editing the recordings, the Lord put Rudi on my heart (my best man, and fellow band member). He has computer at home, time to work on it when he is not working, and since he has a heart to serve the Lord and sees the need, he is willing to help. I don't know how long will he be able to, but for now it will be a big help. I will be overseeing and training him. Please pray for the Lord to give me wisdom in this!

Band Update: Opening Doors through Music

The Lord is opening doors, using us and blessing us in a way that I can not understand sometimes. Even though we haven't played a concert yet, we have had many offers from other bands (secular) and organizers to play, and they know we are a Christian band.

Recently, we were interviewed for a Christian Magazine in Hungary. We told the guy that we didn't have any concerts or recordings, but that didn't matter to him. One big reason why this is happening is that people know about us from our former band, SOS. Even now we are one of the only Christian Hard Core bands in the Balkans. Of course, we want to use this as a tool for reaching others for Christ.

There was a concert this past month here in Subotica, where there were several local/national secular hard core bands played. We were invited by one band from here and another from Belgrade. Before and after the concert, the Lord opened a door for us to create a friendship with them. The singer of this band was at one of our SOS concerts in Belgrade some years back. He even had our demo that we made in 1997. Surprisingly, these guys were really happy that there is band like ours and they were pretty open for talk. We established contacts and we pray that the Lord will use us to be examples of Christ, and that the Lord will reach this band and many more.

Serbian lessons

Julie has been working hard on Serbian lessons even thou she had a brake of almost two weeks, but that break came out to be good since it gave her a new zeal to learn. She has started from this year having lessons with two teachers. She has been having it with Dijana (Ljuban's wife) and now with Nati (Dijana's sister). With Dijana she is learning grammar and with Nati she is learning practical application of things she learned. We are in a search of finding some good book with a CD that can help her in learning Serbian.

Open home

The Lord has been using our home for people from the fellowship to come and hang out. Julie has been having some girls once a week to our place. One girl comes once a week to pray, and so far both of them had a chance to see how Lord answered some of their prayers. Another girl has been coming and both of them use that time to study the Bible. Since this girl doesn't have tools for that and we do, she comes here and she and Julie have their study time together. She is also teaching singing lessons once a week to another girl who asked. I have also been inviting some guys from the church, and the most frequent visitor is Akos (bass player). The Lord is blessing our time practicing and our fellowship.

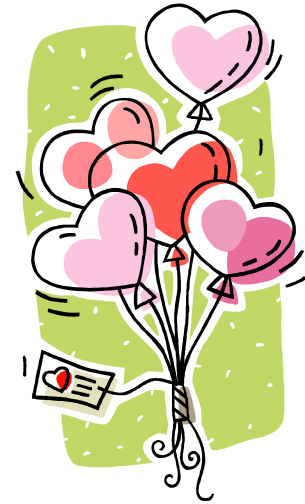
Thank you so much for taking the time to read what is happening here with and around us here in Subotica. We are so blessed to receive news from you every time you write to us, and we are glad to hear of what God is doing with you! Each of us is only a small part of God's kingdom, but isn't it so amazing to be a part of it at all? As Paul wrote to Timothy, the same applies to us all:

"I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry." (1 Tim. 1:12)

It is such a privilege to be here, and the rewards of seeing the Lord work in our lives and the lives of those around us make all the trials and inconveniences of being in the ministry well worthwhile. May the Lord bless you abundantly, and may you find yourself praising Him with each new day.

Yours in Him,

Dejan & Julie



To our Financial Supporters~

Thank you so much for your continued faithfulness in supporting us. We are able to be here by God's grace because of your ministry to us! As you can see, the Lord is at work here in Serbia. We are blessed to be a part of encouraging those in the body of Christ here, as well as reaching out to those who are unaware of God's love and mercy. We truly thank Him for you and your willingness to share with what He has given you.

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