

**Dear Friends and Family;
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:

It is truly good to see how the Lord is working and how much He cares for us! He is faithful. As you know we sent you recently our newsletter, where we updated you on what has been going on with us in January. Well we just wanted to update you on what the Lord is doing with us and in us, and some other things for which you can give Him glory!

Recently I was reading in John 10, where Jesus said that He is the door and that He is the good shepherd. He is not just the one that gives us salvation and then leaves us and let us manage for ourselves. But He wants to be our Lord, our Master, our Provider, our Shepherd, the One that cares for us and leads us through this life. And it struck me how often I fail to see that. I know that the Lord is my Savior and my Shepherd and that He is the One that leads me to a green pastures, but sometimes I don't let Him do that. I find myself trying to get there before Him or even without Him. And then when I don't get there I start to worry and sweat for nothing, just to be there where I think I should be. Lord is good and he was speaking it to both of us, that at some points we worry too much and that there were times when we wanted to help Him out. He lovingly rebuked us and reminded us of Abraham (well at that time Abram) and Sara (Sarai), how with Hagar they wanted to help God, and that one "help" led to a lot of problems that even we today see and experience. So Lord reminded me "You don't want to go that road, do you?", "O, no Lord, no way". So He brought us into this place of freedom of letting Him run things the way He wants it, and we are not going to help Him out. We are going to let Him do it. So thank you for your prayers, for I believe that they were part of this solution!

Srdjan

Srdjan is that guy who had drug problems and recently got saved. I wanted to let you know that the Lord is doing amazing things in His life, and I have been personally blessed to see how Lord is changing Him. As we mentioned it in our previous newsletter a big cause for all the problems that he was going through was the occult background of his family. A lot of black magic and astrology was present in his life. Well, his mom and he have started getting rid of the things that have to do with that part of their lives. They see that that is past now and that they don't want anything that has to do with all their pain and misery to remain. Looking into Srdjan's eyes now is truly a blessing. I can see joy, peace and freedom (yes freedom). He is a different young man now, and he is enjoying all that the Lord is doing in his life. I remember the first time he came to the church, he was so messed up; wow, I mean it was hard at some points to see how the Lord was going to change him. He was slave at that time, slave of sin, slave of drugs, slave of this worlds philosophy, slave of the occult and slave of the devil. But now, oh man, power of God. Even at his last visit to a shrink, yesterday, this power of God was evident. This psychiatrist for the first time since he was seeing them, cut on his medicine, so that there are only two medicines left. We have been praying that they will cut his medicines completely since he doesn't need them anymore. Medication that he was receiving previously caused him more problems than good, and since he received Christ, God did for him what those medicines couldn't. Please pray for him, even though he is saved now, the enemy is not happy because of that, and he is trying anything he can to discourage him and get him back to his old life. But thank God that our God is stronger and able to help him!

Pastors Meeting

Last week Ljuban invited me to join him on a meeting that he goes to every month. It's a prayer meeting where a lot of pastors from evangelical churches from Subotica and surrounding towns attend. It is a time where they share what the Lord has been doing with them and what are some things that He is leading them into, and what doors is He opening. It was the first time for me to be in that environment, even though I knew some of the pastors that were there. I must say that it was a good time and very encouraging, too. I was encouraged to hear all that the Lord is doing in our city and surrounding area, and how He is using all these different fellowships to impact our community with the gospel. And hearing all those encouraging words, Lord reminded me of how much *more* He wants to do, how many more things need to happen. He showed me that there is a lot of work that needs to be done and that laborers are few. It was a good confirmation of God's call for Julie and me to be here at this time. Lord wants Subotica, and not just Subotica but whole Serbia to hear the gospel and to give people hope and truly new life.

Praise Reports

- Salvation and growth of the young man struggling to be free from drugs and the occult
- Keyboard for Julie to practice playing
- Julie's health problems, that she is feeling better
- Opportunities for Julie to be involved in worship ministry

Prayer Requests

- Continually open hearts, eyes and hands to the Lord
- Spirit-filled lives & marriage
- Strength & Healing for us both
- 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 Rudl as he begins editing audio translation: strength, time, wisdom
- whatever else the Lord puts on your heart...

Special Prayer Request

It seems that the Lord is opening a door for our church to be involved in a work that He is doing and is going to do in Middle and South Serbia. There is a group of believers in some cities over there that have no pastors and are meeting in home fellowships and other places where they can, and they contacted us if we want to help them. There are people who come to their meeting who are not saved yet, too. So we are praying how can we help them in a best way. We definitely want help them and to go there and preach the gospel, and see churches be established. So pray for this, Lord is doing something and we want to be involved in what He is doing. We are already helping them, like sending them books, tapes and teachings. But of course we want to be that kind of help that God wants us to be.



Translation

I'm in Romans with transcripts and closing book of Acts with audio. I started experiencing some new problems with this translation computer, but I'm not worried. I know that the enemy wants to discourage me and to prevent me from doing this. So it's nothing new. Instead of being monitor, or operating system it's the CD drive now. So always some new adventures with this computer.

I started training Rudi in doing audio editing. We are going to have our next training session next week, so you can pray for that. Both of us need wisdom and help, me to explain it and him to understand it.

Serbian lessons

Julie is growing day by day in learning Serbian. And day by day I realize how little I know how my own grammar works :) She has been working hard on it and she is doing the hardest thing about it – grammar. Something that we here in Serbia spend 8 years learning in schools, how it works and why do we say the things we say them. And you know what, I realized that Serbian grammar is hard. So many cases and three genders make things hard for someone who was not born here. Hungarian is definitely one of the hardest languages to learn but I think that Hungarian grammar is not as hard. Point being, she is doing a great job, way better than I would. She probably knows more about Serbian grammar by now than I do. She understands a lot, during Bible studies at the church, she is taking notes, and she doesn't have a translator. Teachings are in Serbian and are being translated in Hungarian. No English, and she understands some 85% to 90% of the Bible study! So please pray for her, that she will learn how to use words that she knows in proper grammar, and that she will not be too hard on herself when she makes mistakes.

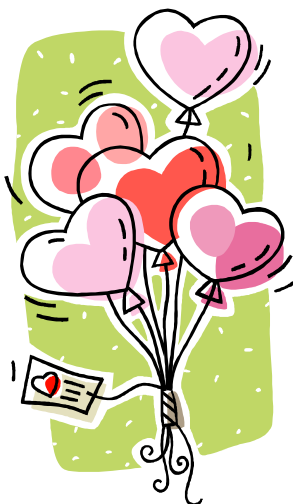
Worship Time

Julie got more involved in a worship at the church. She started singing with some worship leaders and it has been a blessing to hear her again, leading a body into worshipping our Lord and King. She is learning song both in Serbian and Hungarian, and she is even teaching one of the girls at the church who works with children ministry how to sing.

Another blessing happened just two days ago; After talking with Ljuban about worship, we came to a conclusion that it would be good to have keyboards in our worship services. He said that it's a shame that no one plays them, and I was saying that it's a shame that we don't have keyboards. Well, we do have keyboards, and we do have someone who can play them – Julie. We don't know if this is the Lord's will for her, we are praying to see if it is. Interesting thing is that there were some girls who have been praying for us to have a keyboard player, and they said that they were thinking of Julie. So, we will see. Good thing is that we have keyboard and Julie can practice on it. She loves playing piano (keyboard is not piano but a good substitute) and she was happy that she can practice playing again. Please keep this in prayer, too.

Men's Bible Study

Lord is been using this time in lives of many men and it's been encouraging to see how faithful some of them are in coming. It is good to see how Lord is challenging all of us and stretching us. This coming Bible study I'm planning to do something different. I want to involve all of them to participate in it, and so pray for wisdom for me. I do believe that this is something that the Lord wants to do, and I don't want to be in His way. Please pray that this time will not be only good time of fellowship but that it will be time where we would be challenged by the Lord and that we would apply things that He is showing us.



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!

Yours in Him,

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