

Dear Friends and Family,

31 January 2008

We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas season and that you are all in good health. We had quite an active month filled with blessings and new challenges. Please keep us in prayer for these responsibilities and situations the Lord has brought into our lives during this season.



Kindermusik

In the middle of January Julie started taking a course to become a licensed Kindermusik educator. Kindermusik is a music education program for children newborn to age seven. We see that this can benefit Julie in our future ministries, since this method includes parents and thus it can be great way to meet different people.

Translation

At the end of December Dejan found out that the computer and storage hard drive that he used in Subotica for translation had an issue that caused almost all his audio work to be lost. Thankfully, none of the transcripts are lost! The Lord used the news of this, and the ensuing frustration, to minister to Dejan's heart, and even though things like this can easily discourage, God uses things like this to encourage and strengthen us. Dejan feels that Lord just wanted him to start over with the audio part of his translation work. For some time he wanted to re-do some of his "older" work since he wasn't satisfied with it, and this is a good opportunity to start afresh, so that even things that were not lost will be redone.

In spite of this setback, translation of transcripts is going really well. Dejan has finished the Gospel of John and will start with 1st Corinthians (Acts and Romans were done earlier). Plus, since this happened, Dejan was given a laptop specifically for translation that only he can use. Praise God for this gift, for it has been useful!

Julie's health

Thank you all for all your prayers for Julie and her health, we truly appreciate them! We are seeing progress. In early January she received her specialized blood test results which confirmed that she has problem with Candida, but it revealed that it caused certain food sensitivities of which we were not aware. This means that if she eats foods that contain some of these (otherwise healthy food) ingredients, she feels sick, and at the moment they don't help her in getting her immune system back on a path of recovery. Since she is pregnant, the doctor we are working with suggested that, for now, we focus on baby, supplying all the nutrients

Prayer Requests:

- the Spirit's filling & guidance in all our decisions, work & ministries
- continued progress in Julie's health
- safe pregnancy & healthy baby
- anointing of Dejan in translation
- growing love for Jesus & each other
- for Dejan's visa status change
- salvation of Dejan's mom, Gizela

that it needs, which will mean that once in a while Julie makes small compromises in her meals. These compromises will not deteriorate her health, but they will not improve it, either. Once baby is born she will be able to go on a stricter diet that will help her recover and eventually allow these foods that she is at present sensitive to be re-introduced.

Baby

Pregnancy is going well and baby is doing well, too! Julie is in her sixth month and showing more of her belly! We are taking Bradley Method® natural Childbirth classes and are learning a lot.



ultrasound of our little one

Serving at CC Pocatello

As we mentioned we started to serve in children's ministry on Sundays, and we are teaching 4 & 5 year olds. It has been a great blessing and challenge doing this! It is fun to work together and have part in these kids' lives.

Dejan had an opportunity to share once for Sunday evening service and once at a home fellowship.

Julie is attending ladies Bible studies and she is in the Easter choir. The choir is preparing to do some outreaches in the community in addition to singing March 23.

Visa papers

We finally have all the papers that Dejan needs to submit to be able to apply for change of his status here. We will be sending his paperwork this February and prayerfully everything will be ok and he will be approved for a green card.

We are eternally grateful for your prayers! And we thank God for supplying our needs through many of you as well. May the LORD bless you all!

By His grace alone,
Dejan & Julie Buljovcic

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