

A Season in the States

News from Dejan and Julie Buljovčić

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Dear Family & Friends in Christ,

There is no lack of things for us to write to you about, as so much has been happening these past two months! We are both blessed and tested at the same time in *many* areas as we are learning how to adapt to living here in America temporarily, and we would like to share some of the things God is doing with, in and through us lately. So we apologize for not writing sooner, but as you'll see, every time we turn around the Lord has been opening doors!

Resurrection Service

Both of us had the opportunity to participate in serving during this worship service/outreach to our city on Easter Sunday. The service was held at our local performing arts center, which holds over 1,000 people and it was nearly filled. Julie was blessed to join with the choir and help with the music portion of the service, while Dejan ushered and handled some set-up and sound advice. Then afterwards, we both met with those who came forward at the invitation to accept the Lord for the first time. Praise the Lord for the new lives of several young adults and three precious children! Jesus is alive and saving people here!

Spring Fair Outreach



The following weekend, we celebrated Dejan's 30th birthday by going out and sharing the gospel. Exhibitors from all over the area and nearby states were having an expo at our local arena, and our church bookstore was able to get a space, from which we could freely witness the truth to passers-by. Mostly we conducted surveys with individuals, couples or small groups, which led eventually to questions of morality and faith. It was such a blessing to dialog with people of all backgrounds and to help them realize that God punishes sin and that we can't avoid hell by living a good life, only by trusting Jesus' payment of our punishment at the cross. Seeing the "light" go on was a precious blessing. We also gave away \$1

million dollar bills with the gospel message on the back, and many people were coming to ask for more to pass out to their friends!

Children's Ministry

Our time serving the four- and five-year old class on Sunday mornings has ended, as we are starting our own private children's ministry (having a baby!), but what a blessing to see these kids latch onto some of the simple truths of God's Word! We finished the book of Acts with them, and they not only know who Paul is, they know that everywhere he went he was telling people about Jesus. They also learned about what sin is and how we get to heaven and why we need Jesus. Many of them learned the gospel message, as we presented it according to a tool we learned in Hungary called "Simply Jesus". (Thanks, Lisa!!)



Translation

Dejan has finished transcripts for the Gospel of John and is currently about one third of the way through 1 Corinthians. We are both excited at the pace of progress that he is able to make and for the tools to do it efficiently. The Lord has also supplied a need that has long existed by raising up a woman from our church in Subotica to edit the transcripts! Please pray for her (Zlata is her name) to comprehend the process of editing this huge work, for Zlata and Dejan as they work together to move this project even further forward, and for God's protection over the files, computers and work in all its stages.

Kindermusik

After many hours of study, preparation and testing, Julie completed her course for Kindermusik and has been granted her license to teach! This is a very exciting opportunity, as she believes the Lord is calling her in this not only as a way to use her musical gifts but also as her “net” for being a fisher of men as she connects with different families. Lord willing, she will begin teaching at the end of the summer and then get a full semester in the fall. For more information about what Kindermusik is, their website is: www.kindermusik.com.

Family

We are so grateful to the Lord for His daily mercies as Julie is now in her ninth month of pregnancy—the home stretch! For all the difficulties that the yeast has caused her body, as far as the baby goes, she's feeling strong. We are preparing and praying as parenthood draws ever nearer, but we are also seeing the Lord's faithfulness and experiencing His abundant grace. We finished our childbirth class and have begun acquiring some of the necessary infant gear. Our greatest desire right now, however, is for a full-term healthy baby, a safe and unmedicated birth, and enough time to get to the birth center so Dejan doesn't have to catch the baby in the car on the way (it's about a 4 hour drive)!

We greatly appreciate your prayers for our growing family at this awesome time of transition and change. We also thank you for your many prayers concerning Dejan's visa situation. His paperwork is submitted, and he is allowed to stay in the U.S. until he receives their decision, so daddy will be present at baby's birth—praise the Lord! Also, we were recently blessed with an apartment to live in while we are in the States, as the LORD fully (and swiftly!) opened that door for us. Now we have a place for our new family to dwell in and are abounding in thanksgiving to God for touching the heart of His people to provide it for us.

Thank You

One of the things we've seen being back in the States is how the Lord has truly knit *His Body* together and is giving us a more secure place in it through the fellowship of believers. This is both in our local church but also in those of you who are continually lifting us up in prayer and helping us financially and logistically through this season when neither of us are able to work a “normal” job. It was scary to be coming over here so unexpectedly, not knowing how God would meet our needs once we were “off the field”, but so many of you have been such an encouragement and help. THANK YOU for holding us up and for caring for us as your brother and sister in Christ and for allowing Him to use you. It means more to us than our words can express.

*May the LORD bless and keep you in His love,
Dejan & Julie*

PRAYER REQUESTS

-for our walks with God:

daily filling of the Holy Spirit, hearts near to Him in prayer and in His Word

-for our marriage:

as we enter parenthood, to keep pursuing oneness and having time for each other

-for our family:

a safe birth for the baby, safe travels to the birth center, getting settled in our new place

-for our finances:

wisdom; God's provision while we wait upon Dejan's employment authorization from the government

-for health:

healing of Julie's condition, grace for the physical transition (pregnancy to mothering), sufficient weight gain

-for ministry:

anointing & continued progress for Dejan in translation, wisdom for new editor Zlata

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