

Dear friends and family,

Time flies when you're having fun, and also when you're busy. The Lord is good and faithful and He never ceases to amaze us. He has been doing a lot with and in us here in Subotica, and it is a blessing to be part of His work. Praise Him for His grace!

Firsts

The last month and half consisted of a lot of firsts in our ministry and our lives. We started the worship fellowship. Our desire with this fellowship is to grow in our worship of the Lord, which does not necessarily involve music, but music equipping is a significant part of it and learning what it means to be a song/worship leader in the church. The first meeting went very well and it is promising, but we see that it will take a lot of prayer and time to arrive at the point where we believe that the Lord wants us to be. We meet every first and third Tuesday of the month.

In May Dejan did his first funeral. Ljuban had a small surgery so he wasn't able to perform it and Dejan was asked to do it. The mother of a girl (Tamara) from our church died (she was 57 years old). Dejan didn't know her dad nor her mom for they were not coming to church, but praise the Lord, her mom received Him before she died. So Tamara had a peace about her mom's whereabouts and the Lord started stirring up the heart of her father, who at the funeral had a smile and peace about his wife. He was glad to see and meet Dejan, and he and Tamara asked him to share the gospel at the funeral. So the gospel was preached, and there were a lot of unbelievers there to hear!

Another first that is coming is Dejan's first wedding service. A couple in the church who are already married but were never married at the church want to have a church wedding, and again, because our pastor is recovering, Dejan will get the opportunity to do something new. They were not coming to the church or walking with the Lord at the time of their civil wedding. They have two kids. The husband is a man that Dejan wants to disciple.

For the first time in our life we have a kitten! Her name is Jala and she is extremely cute and smart. She is 9 weeks old so she is still quite young and needy. She brings a lot of needed laughter into our lives with her feline antics. Aren't pets great?

Teaching

Julie is continuing in the ladies' study looking into women in the life of Jesus. So far each study has been well-timed in its message and application. Dejan is continuing to teach on Wednesday night services and we just finished studying Jesus' "I am" sayings. The Lord is blessing and it has been a personal blessing for Dejan for the Lord is teaching him a lot through it. The Men's Bible study is also going well and those who are coming are growing and loving the time that we have together as men. This past month we met for *kotlić*, a Serbian outdoor-cooked stew, as we fellowshiped and discussed Acts 15 and Galatians.

Dejan gained some extra teaching opportunities in May due to our pastor's surgery, so that in one week he taught four different messages! This was a first for him and was challenging, but the Lord is faithful and it is *His* Word that has power to change, encourage and instruct, which gives great confidence.

Workshop

Thank you for praying for the workshop that we had entitled "Can we trust the Bible?". The Lord blessed it. There were several unbelievers present and some believers (from our church and from other churches) who were interested and curious. The owner of the bookstore even came from a city that is an hour away. He is a Serbian eastern Orthodox believer and made the first Serbian Study Bible. There were a few questions after our presentation and the gospel was preached. Best of all, the owner of the bookstore asked us to come back and do this again in the future. So we have an open door there. Praise God! Thank you again for your prayers.

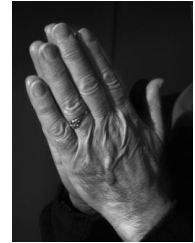
Sunday Morning Service/Outreach

This Sunday, June 3rd we will be having a joint morning service of all evangelical churches in Subotica and surrounding areas. It will be held in an open air stadium that seats around 1500 people. We want to do this so that we will be able to present ourselves to the city, (since thanks to traditional churches here people are thinking that we are some weird cults that do whatever comes to their minds), to invite people to come, and to preach the gospel.

This is a type of trial for us to see if we will be able to do bigger 3-day crusade in the fall of this year. Even though there will be almost all evangelical churches that exist in Subotica, our church together with the Pentecostal and Baptist church are the main organizers, so most of the work is done by us and it is the first time for all of us, so please pray for wisdom.

We will have quite good media coverage as the biggest daily newspaper in Serbia is going to cover the event! That means that throughout Serbia people will be able to read about it. Please pray that they will do an honest job!

This is the first time that anything like this has been done in Serbia, so we are pioneering. Pray that many Christians and unbelievers will come, that the Lord will pour out His Spirit and for many to receive Christ.



Prayer Requests

- Marko Uzelac (2 ½ year old son of Slobodan, vocalist in Dejan's band) who had a concussion and a minor siesure attack, and has been treated in the hospital
- **City-wide service Sunday, June 3rd** (for those in the U.S. please pray Saturday night, which is our Sunday morning)
- Opportunities for Dejan to meet with Srđan and Nebojša and their growth
- Women's Bible studies and fellowship
- Men's Bible studies
- Wednesday night teachings
- Translation of Pastor Chuck Smith's 5000 Series, progress and anointing
- Worship fellowship
- **That we will have the Spirit's anointing and empowering in our ministries, that they are done in Him and not our own strength**
- spiritual growth, change in our hearts
- strengthening of our marriage
- health & physical strength
- anything else the Lord puts on your heart...



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Once again, we want to thank you for your interest in what God is doing here in Subotica and in Serbia, and the small part we get to have in that work. Your prayers and encouragements are such blessings and so greatly needed. Please continue to lift us up in prayer!

*God bless you,
Dejan & Julie <><*