



Zoom Zoom!

Like most of you, our ways of connecting during this pandemic have been through Zoom meetings, Face Time, Video Messenger, and so on. In the month of May, we had 23 Zoom meetings alone, not counting Face Timing, etc. with family and friends or the online church services every week. We are trying our best to keep connected, but there is this deep need that wells up inside for face to face, in person communication with others that is not being met. Have you felt it too? As the restrictions have been lifting, we have been able to meet with some friends, and it is so good to be fully present with them! The Lord desires to be fully present with us as well, having our full attention and giving us His. We are thankful He is always with us, meeting our need to have deep connection with Him.

Doctor Appointments

Joy has been learning the process of seeing a doctor in Slovakia with Covid-19 restrictions on, and all kinds of announcements on paper taped to the doors, that you can only read a few words of (still learning our Slovak). There were lines inside as well since they could only have one person at a time in the waiting room. Eventually Joy saw the doctor and ended up visiting the hospital to get an x-ray of her shoulder. There were several appointments over the course of a couple weeks, and with the help of a friend, Joy will be seeing an Orthopedist and hopefully getting an MRI. Pray for us as we navigate through this process, for wisdom and healing of Joy's shoulder.

July Opening

Even though the government here in Slovakia has allowed the gathering of churches to resume, the distancing restrictions make it exceedingly difficult for us to actually have service in our usual meeting space. BIF would need to have 3 services with only 10-12 people per service, everyone wearing masks and keeping 6 ft apart. With that in mind we are staying online in June, but will meet at a park after service, bringing food and being with each other in person. We are hoping the government will loosen these restrictions and we can be back in our room at Istroplois for services and fellowship in July. Please keep this in your prayers, as we will for all of you.



Borderlema

Although the borders are now open between Austria and Germany, the Slovak borders are still closed for free travel. Our hope is to drive to Germany to visit our kids and granddaughters, which we believe we can with some effort. However, getting back into Slovakia is still a dilemma because we will need to quarantine upon return - currently in a state-run facility, but soon through an App that would allow us to do it from home. Thank you for praying for open borders, and for being a blessing to us!

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