



## Slovakia for a Sabbatical

We have shared about Anna Marie Mazzone, FMI missionary to Bielefeld, Germany, when we visited her there last summer. In the beginning of July, she came to visit us here in Bratislava. She needed a place to rest and relax, to take a small sabbatical from all the things she was doing in Bielefeld. Anna Marie has a very full schedule with helping out at church, running the weekly Street Church ministry, and recently organizing a discipleship group for her Street Church. She and her team pick up those who want to come to the “Experience God” meetings and bring them to the Church building for worship, discussion topics and food. Some of these people are former addicts trying to get their life turned around, some are curious and want to know more about God, some may just come to be in a safe place for a while. Anna Marie is living out the Lord’s desire to reach the “least of these”. We hope she went home refreshed and ministered to by God as she continues to be a conduit of His love in the nation of Germany.

## Slovakia to Czech



Ken and Linda Stapleton who are FMI missionaries to Liberec, Czech Republic, have been working with Young Life in Czech for years, and every summer they help teach at the Young Life English camps all around the country. Czech youth love anything American, so every year teens from America also come to teach English. Well, obviously the teens could not come to Europe, and since we are American, Ken and Linda asked us to help out. What a great week it was! Camp was in Turnov, and we learned how to teach a little English through

games, made some great new friends and were able to hang out with Ken and Linda. We even went to a famous Czech glass blowing workshop, reminding us of Tacoma, Washington, and the glass museum there!

## Slovakia for a Getaway

Travis and Alexis Mielonen and their three kids, Emma, Elena and Eli were our other visitors in July. They are FMI missionaries to Krakow, Poland. After being in lockdown since mid-March, they accepted our offer to cross the “finally” open border into Slovakia for a much needed get-away. We had a lovely week with them visiting Old Town, Bratislava Castle, the large Slovak farmer’s market downtown where you can not only get local fruits and vegetables, but everything pickled you could dream of! We enjoyed our time together chatting about cultural similarities and differences, what it is like to live in a post-communist country, along with watching movies and sharing food together. Travis and Alexis have a home discipleship group where they are raising up leaders and they are involved in a ministry called Serve the City which builds trust and relationships through serving, to open the door to the gospel in Krakow.

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