

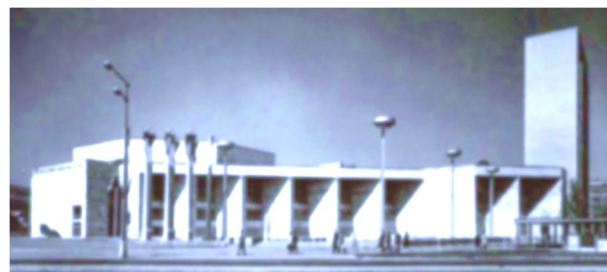


Simply Mobilizing Slovakia

The Lord has connected us with many mission-minded hearts here in Slovakia. Our friends Roman and Barča, for example, who spent two years as Slovak missionaries to the Lakota tribe in South Dakota. Yes, an amazing Slovak family serving as missionaries in the United States! As a missions sending nation, Slovakia is still in its infancy. But Roman, Barča, and others have set out to help establish the SMS (Simply Mobilizing Slovakia) organization. They want to help churches understand the need and process of caring for missionaries that are already deployed, and to help prepare the ones that are called to go. There are currently eleven deployed missionaries, and four more in the pipeline to be sent from this country of 5 million people. We have been asked, and have considered it an honor to join this group of people with a heart to develop care for Slovak missionaries. It is a natural fit as we work with our FMI team in developing care initiatives for FMI missionaries serving here in Europe! As part of our role in SMS, we are also helping (where we can) a young Slovak family who is preparing to deploy to a closed country in Asia. They believe the Lord's timing is soon, so we are working with them to help ensure their care network is in place, and that it is strong and thorough. Will you join us in praying for "M & S" (mom and dad), and for 2-year old "N", a young missionary who alone will draw many to the Lord! So thankful that the Lord is sending from Slovakia!

A Church on the Move

The clock has started ticking on Bratislava International Fellowship's (BIF) time at the iconic Istropolis performing arts center. The new owners have gotten final approval to tear the building down and build a new one in its place. We believe our move may be as much as 9 months out, but we are not wasting any time in going to our knees. Will you join us as we ask the Lord for wisdom, for favor, for real estate contacts, and for a new place to gather the part of His church we call BIF? We will trust the Lord in every step of the path forward!



In and Out in August

We were IN Slovakia, and delighted to once again host Matt & Abby Edwards and their three girls – Kylie, Madeline, and Audrey. They are FMI missionaries, and a key part of the Foursquare church in Linz, Austria. And the Lord has built bridges between the Edwards family and the Iranian congregation that meets in the same space on Sunday afternoons. In fact, they asked Abby to help them with the development of a children's ministry for their younger ones! God is up to something great there! Oh, and we were OUT to hang with the youth of the Czech Republic! Invited by the Young Life leaders to fill needed teaching spots for their annual Prague Summer English camp, we answered the call to help an incredible team who is reaching the youth of Czech who might otherwise never hear the name of Jesus!

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