



Meeting Face to Face

Way back in 2019 no one made the distinction of saying they met “face-to-face”, they just said they were having a meeting with someone. Now we all want to know if you are meeting face-to-face, or by FaceTime, Zoom or WhatsApp! We truly count each “in-person” meeting as a blessing and have had several recently. Coffee with a young couple who also pastor an International church in Bratislava and are from the midwest US. Our friends Lucas and Sâmella from Brazil, who attend our church, have had us over for Brazilian food a couple of times, which was a heaven-sent delight! Roman and Barça who have just started attending BIF have been to our place for fellowship and the beginnings of mentorship. Gary played tennis with Jon who also goes to BIF and is from the Philippines, while Joy spent time visiting with his wife Daniela and son Benjamin. Even though we have become very familiar with “screen meetings”, face-to-face is definitely our preference!

Meeting Online

The only way we could meet with the FMI Missionaries was via the computer screen, but that doesn't mean it was lacking. Once a month Jonny and Sarah Griffiths from the UK lead us all in a time of worship prayer and communion. These have become powerful spiritual moments, drawing us closer to God and each other. Also once a month we all get together via Zoom for a social event called “Happy Hour”. One family or single leads the time giving a brief overview of who they are, where they are living and how God called them there. Then they usually have us all do some kind of game or competition, which is always a lot of fun. These times have helped us feel part of a larger family and kept us from feeling alone – especially important this past year!

Meeting You

We really wish we could meet with each of you, to personally thank you for your financial support, your thoughts and prayers for us, your messages, and your encouragement. We know we are part of a greater team that we cannot truly thank enough, so we wanted to make sure that you all know how very much we appreciate your faithful continued support of what God has us doing here in Europe and in Slovakia. **We invite you to read the testimony of God's work in our 2020 Annual Report to Mission Partners now on our website!**



Meeting 2021

The year 2020 packed a wallup, grabbed our attention and took a lot from us. But we learned so much about how important people truly are, about how valuable our time with God is, about learning to be flexible and grow with the changes. We want to meet 2021 with courage and hope, but also confidence that no matter what the Lord will guide us and stand with us.

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