



Blessing In A Difficult Time

Our FMI workers here in Europe, just as in other places around the world, have felt the weariness and isolation the pandemic restrictions have caused. Families with children especially face difficulty with online learning and extremely limited face to face interaction with their friends and community. We were trying to think of ways that we can be a blessing and saw that one of our worker families were taking bags of groceries to their neighbors. We felt this was a great way to encourage our FMI workers here in Europe too. We have begun this process and have sent groceries, snacks, and fun treats to about four families so far. Over the next few weeks we hope to send care packages to as many worker units as we can. They have been touched and ministered to in a powerful way, just by a simple care package. You, our supporters, are the ones who are giving to make this happen! Thank you all so much, our workers feel the love and care when they have needed it the most.

Serving Our Church Family

One of the ways the Lord wants BIF to be involved in reaching out to the larger Bratislava community is through serving. Early in 2020 we were making plans to form a team, and to connect with already existing volunteer services that help those in need. These plans were put on hold as we dealt with all the variables of the pandemic here in Slovakia. While we are still looking to build this team, the Lord has given us opportunities to serve one another. Roman and Barca recently had a baby boy, Aman, and so we asked the BIF family to prepare meals for them. Even though it was a new experience for them, they responded quickly. These acts of service brought everyone involved feelings of joy, feeling valued and being part of a bigger family. We hope to make serving both the community and each other a normal part of the culture here at BIF.

Vision Sunday Service



Every year Bratislava City Church has a Vision Sunday service that includes all of their congregations – one of which is BIF. This year, because of Covid-19 restrictions, it was all online, but it allowed us to include some great bilingual pieces that would have been a challenge in person. A glass half full view, for sure! There were both Slovak and English recordings of Pastor Pasho's 2021 theme message, interviews on how 2020 went, worship sets, and prayer for the 2021 year. Roman Lacho put together a great lookback video of BIF's 2020 events including services both in person and online, BIF worship, and clips of our BIF family members sending lockdown greetings. We invite you to view this service yourself! You'll grow to love our BIF family as we all look to to what the Lord has in store for 2021! You can find it on our website (www.BIF.sk) or on our Bratislava International Fellowship (BIFMedia) YouTube channel.

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