



Safe & Sound

We could not have asked for a smoother trip to the United States. The 18-hour journey began at 3:45 CET as our friend Roman arrived to take us to the Vienna airport, and ended at 13:00 Pacific (22:00 CET) as our Uber driver dropped us off in the Echo Park neighborhood of Los Angeles. What a blessing as we breezed through security and passport control (at both ends) and the flight from Amsterdam to Los Angeles was barely 20% full. Spending week one isolating and allowing our bodies to adjust to the time difference, we are off to a great start on a 12-week journey to be with family and all of you who faithfully support our work in Europe ... here we come!



One of our first face-to-face gatherings was a home group in Orange County that has been family to us since we arrived in California in 2014. It was such a joy to share, face to face, about Slovakia and all that the Lord is doing and inviting us to be part of both there and across Europe. There is no substitute for personal prayer, fellowship, laughter, and heart-to-heart connections. Our tanks are already re-filling with love and care. We can't thank you enough for welcoming us and making us feel at home!

Spare Wheels?

We could not be more blessed by all of you who have opened your homes, loaned us your cars, etc. It has made the logistics of where to stay and how to get to & from each location so much easier! We do have one 3-week window (June 25 - July 13) where we are needing some transportation in Washington state. If you know of someone who has a car they'd be willing to loan, please put us in touch or reach out to let us know.

Crunch Time for Space / Trusting Him

It's a lesson the Lord reminds us of frequently – that we are better off handing things to Him, than trying to control them ourselves. We've known the time would come when the Istropolis performing arts center (above) would tell us we have to leave. Well, the day arrived in April with a request for us to be out by the end of June. The new owners have been waiting for over 2 years for the go-ahead to tear down this iconic communist era building and construct a new one in its place. The timing, of course, is not desirable with our planned departure and trip to the USA. We've been looking for new space since October, hoping to move before we got the notice. And yet, we are in negotiations with the landlord and building management of a space that would be ideal, in many ways, for both the current and future vision of Bratislava International Fellowship. It would, as kingdom things often do, take a bit of a miracle to make it work. So we are leaning in and trusting the Lord ... keeping vigilant in the process but allowing Him to guide us and to put the pieces in place. We invite you to join us, now more than ever, in prayer for new spaces for both the BIF and City Church congregations, and to celebrate as He makes a way ... as always!

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