



## Settling Back In

Currently life in Bratislava is pretty much back to normal. We can have church services face to face, everything is open, and tourists are here – although mainly from Slovakia, but also from around Europe. We still have to wear masks in public places indoors or on public transport, but aside from that we are feeling much more settled here and back to our every day lives. Going to the grocery store or cafes, the post office and mall stores still is a bit of an adventure for us. We are having more success with conversing in Slovak, but there are times when a cashier or wait staff will go directly into English as we stumble through our Slovak. Imagine having to think very hard about how to answer a cashier asking you any questions related to your purchase! It can be quite stressful but also rewarding when you answer correctly! Thank you for your continued prayers for our language learning!

## Celebration in Nowy Targ, Poland



Not many FMI workers can say they have lived and ministered in the country God sent them to for 25 years, but Denise Johnson has done just that! In early August we set out for Nowy Targ, Poland to help celebrate her years of amazing service to the Lord and these people of the Tatras Mountains. This beautiful community is just 4 hours northeast of Bratislava. We joined Denise and 40 of her friends and colleagues from Poland to enjoy lots of wonderful food, fellowship and dancing! In fact, this party lasted well past midnight, which for us was quite the stretch, but it was a beautiful time with Denise being well

celebrated by these lovely people! We also helped her with some tasks she needed done before she departs for an extended sabbatical she is taking in the US – something she hasn't done in 25 years, so it's well deserved!

## City Church Community Dedication & Prayer Requests

Bratislava International Fellowship and City Church Bratislava will combine services later this month to celebrate dedicating Natan and Noemi, Roman and Monika Kristoff's twins – an event that was Covid-delayed several times! Roman and Monika were at BIF long before we arrived to Pastor the church and have become good friends. And they have family who are part of the Slovak church, so it will be a very fun family and bi-lingual celebration. Gary will be giving the sermon with a translator since City Church is a Slovak community. Please pray for all to be blessed and for the translation to go smoothly. Also, please pray for our daughter, Elizabeth who lives in Berlin. She got Covid a couple of weeks ago and although she has been recovering, she is still very tired with little taste or smell. Pray for her body's immune system to really kick in and for complete healing. We are truly blessed by you!

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