



## Coaching in Köln

October brought the opportunity to attend the annual FMI Europe Fall Training Gathering in Köln (Cologne), Germany. Last year's meeting was cancelled (for obvious reasons), and this year's gathering was much smaller, but it was so good to be together. The training focused on helping FMI workers develop coaching skills geared toward listening well, asking better questions, and helping those we serve (and serve with) plan action steps that they themselves come up with through the coaching process. It gave us great tools we can use to better serve our communities and empower those we minister to. Asking clarifying and powerful questions in most situations helps people feel cared for and listened to, and gives them a path forward when needed. Another highlight was the morning we all traveled to, spread out, and prayer walked the neighborhood in Köln where an FMI Europe family is planting a church. Powerful! There were also great times of fellowship with other FMI Europe workers, with both familiar faces and new ones, including those recently deploying to Spain, Poland, and Wales. Being with those who share the Lord's call to Europe was a huge blessing to us, and encouraged all who could attend!

## Joy's Corner



We have been writing our newsletters together, which has been great, but I thought you might like to hear each of our different perspectives of our life and ministry here in Slovakia and in Europe in different newsletters going forward. I'm going to focus on BIF's women's group which meets twice a month in a renovated 17th-18th century building, on the top floor. We use the main room which is quite cozy with couches and bean bag chairs. Each time we meet, a different person leads, and they are free to run the meeting however they feel led by the Holy Spirit. At first my "American" sense of having to know what to expect and needing a "specific bible study" made me a

little uneasy with how this would work. However, it has been the best experience for me, and I think for everyone in the group. So far, the leaders have shared on a topic, with scripture and their experience, and then we are asked to share our own experience as well. We all come from diverse cultures and perspectives, but we all have our relationship with Jesus in common! What a blessing it is to grow closer to the Lord and each other!

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for our daughter Elizabeth who is pregnant and due in January (Yay!) but her energy levels have been low and she has been struggling with pain while doing normal mom work with three girls under age 5. Pray also for strength, safety, and health for us. There seems to be so much to do here in Bratislava, and as borders stay open, we have ministry trips planned for Albania in November, and England & Wales in December. Thank you for your covering!

*Gary*, *Joy*

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