



A New Year with Renewed Hope

2021 was a definitely a year of ups and downs, especially in light of Covid restrictions ... and then fewer restrictions ... and then more restrictions. It was difficult to feel a sense of normalcy. In spite of all that, God still offers us renewed hope every day. "That is why we are not discouraged. Though outwardly we are wearing out, inwardly we are renewed day by day." (2 Cor 4:16) What a great verse to count on during these trying days. We can trust God to give us all we need to walk in His hope and not become dragged down by world circumstances!

Top Personal Prayer Requests for 2022

❖ January 2022 has us waiting with great anticipation for our 6th grandchild. We ask for prayers that all will go well, that our daughter Elizabeth will find strength that can only come from the Lord, as she and Shane have three young ones to care for as well! Strength for us as well as we go to Berlin to help out! ❖ Our daughter Emily, son-in-law Chris, and grandchildren Callum and Lua have made several attempts to fly to Eastern Canada to see Chris's parents and family in 2020 and 2021. For different reasons trips and flights have been cancelled. Please pray with us that they will be reunited with the Kingyens family this year! ❖ For our son Elliott and his girlfriend Aa'jee to deepen their ties to their community of faith. And for Elliott to save up enough money and work out the details of starting school for a nursing degree. ❖ For our son Ben and our daughter-in-law Tanja to find a great community of believers to connect with, and to be able to sell their condo and purchase their first house! ❖ For health and safety for all our kids ... near and far! ❖ Gary's doctor has ordered several different tests that have required him to go to different specialists in Bratislava. This is no small task as there are not a lot



of these doctors that our insurance works with. Pray that all the tests will be completed by February, and that Gary will be found to be in good health! ❖ We have renewed hope that 2022 will be the year our Slovak language skills will go to a new level, but we need your prayers to accomplish this quite daunting task. There are many things that have kept us from really digging in and gaining a better understanding of the Slovak language. Will you help us by praying we can both create the boundaries we need, and that we can stay focused in our language studies this year?

You Are a Faithful Blessing!

What a blessing you have been to us this past year! Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support – all of which fuel our care for FMI workers in Europe, and our pastoral work at City Church International (formerly Bratislava International Fellowship). You are part of our story, so be watching for our **2021 Annual Report to Mission Partners** coming to our website soon!

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