



Rest & Restoration

We count it a privilege to help care for and support global workers. And although our ministry focus is here in Europe, God also gives us opportunities to expand our scope and ministry to FMI workers from other regions and even global workers from other sending organizations. God brings new perspectives and refreshment with these encounters, through prayer and fellowship, enriching not only the lives of the workers, but our lives as well.

The Lord gave us such an opportunity in late May / early June as an FMI global worker – from a very different region and culture than ours – came to stay with us for a week to find greatly needed rest and restoration. Over the course of their time here, we had many conversations, and were blessed by listening to and trading stories of life as workers in each of our own unique cultures and countries. This common bond helps global workers know we are not alone, that there is someone who understands our daily cross-cultural life. Global workers having others they can relate to is vital and life-giving! We treated them to fun outings in Bratislava including outdoor markets, walking Old Town's cobblestone streets, viewing the 18th century architecture, and ducking into cute alleyways with chic coffee shops and restaurants. Seeking the Lord for needed breakthrough, they had alone time to reflect and pray in our flat, and times of deep prayer with us. It was a blessing for all of us!



From Rome to the Mount of Beatitudes

No ... not more travel, unless you count our walks through God's word. At City Church International we completed a wonderful journey through the book of Romans that we began in February of this year. Through July and August CCI will be immersed in our summer series "From the Mount of Beatitudes", studying Matthew Chapters 5-7. We also look forward to welcoming several guest speakers joining us over the summer, including Pasho Zsolnai, Lead Pastor of City Church Bratislava.

Humble Hearts

We spent a few days in June with a young family in eastern Slovakia. They are preparing to deploy to a "closed country" where it's illegal to share your faith, and will seek to establish long-term residence there doing Business As Mission (BAM). We met them a couple of years ago, and the Lord put them on our "Care" radar. So it was wonderful to catch up with them and hear what the Lord had been doing in their lives. We are so inspired by their passion and faith to follow Jesus into a difficult country and live as an example of Him. They have done life in other developing nations, so they understand some of the challenges they will face. The Lord has also been preparing them with things they have faced here, and it is so incredible to listen to their humble hearts, acknowledging their need to learn from these difficulties. Please pray with us for "M" & "S" and their children as they prepare to leave this fall. Thank you all for allowing us to do this work!

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