# Podpora Europa

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### Is It Enough?

It's a question that every global worker (missionary) asks themselves. Particularly when we come to the end of one year and look to the Lord to create vision for the year ahead, we ask "Have we done enough?" Enough what? For us, we would probably answer in this way. Enough to care for the other FMI global workers that the Lord has entrusted to us here in Europe. Enough to shepherd, teach, lead, care for, and disciple a small community of believers from 15 different nations and numerous different faith backgrounds at City Church International here in Bratislava. Enough to bring food, warm blankets, clothes, other aid, and encouragement to the people and pastors of a war-torn nation – Ukraine – whom God has connected us to in this present season. Enough to care for and love my spouse as we walk in this calling together. Enough to help, advise (when we are asked), encourage, and love (mostly from a distance) our kids and our grandkids as they navigate their own lives raising kids, building careers, walking out their own callings, and working their way through the everyday valleys

and mountains (and everything in-between) of life. Enough to connect with and adequately communicate the importance and value of the prayers, support, and encouragement – to the individuals, families, and churches who continue to faithfully invest in the work that the Lord has invited us to join Him in here in Europe. Enough prayer to cover all of those who touch each part of our lives.

Honestly, it can be overwhelming if you try to process even a couple of those questions, let alone all at the same time. So when we become overwhelmed (and we do), the Lord sweetly reminds us that in and of ourselves, we aren't enough. And that is why we always come back to relying on Him ... our Lord and Savior. It is His gift ... that His grace is sufficient and that His power works best in weakness. And we find strength in knowing that for you who support us, and all of those we serve and serve with, He is your (and their) enough as well!



# Looking Ahead to 2023

For now, the war in Ukraine shows no signs of ending. We pray it happens today, but even if it does, there are months and years of opportunities to help a tragically broken nation heal and rebuild. We are hopeful and praying the Lord will use us in this way also. But as we wait, we are not just content, but honored to be love and compassion to those who hold dearly to their nation in the midst of pain and suffering. We will travel to the USA in late spring to celebrate the Foursquare 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Connection 2023. We hope to see and hug many of you there as our love and encouragement tanks get re-filled through this beautiful gathering. But we will also be intentional about creating opportunities to connect with all of you! Thank you for every way in which you love and support the Lord's work through our hearts and hands!

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