



Erosion of Coverage

When global workers say “yes” to Jesus’ invitation to join Him in His work in another country and culture, they also say “yes” to every trial and challenge that comes with that commitment. One recent challenge for us has been the erosion of coverage taking place with our health insurance here in Slovakia. As crazy as it sounds to those of us familiar with American health insurance, our insurance company here can exclude items that are considered “pre-existing conditions”, even when those conditions were discovered while you were covered with their health insurance the prior year. Yes ... you read that right. We are required to renew our health insurance contract each year, with a new application and payment of a year’s worth of premiums up front. So when Gary’s problems with a small stomach ulcer in 2021 were reported on our 2022-23 application, all related issues were excluded from his insurance coverage in the following year. We have made some small steps of progress in “negotiating” this issue for 2023-24, but we would ask you to join us in praying for favor and wisdom on this one!

Welcoming & Caring for Workers in Europe



It was a joy for us to be with the Swisher family – Nate, De’Sha, and Noah – in Scotland last month. They are one of FMI’s newest deployed global worker families, having arrived in-country in November of 2022. It was great to get to know them better, and to express our heart (and the heart of the amazing team of care providers we lead in Europe) to be there for them. In fact, the Swishers have already been connected to a care cluster led by the O’Toole’s in Ireland! Scotland has long been a calling in this family, and they have landed ready for all that the Lord will ask of them. The Swishers are currently in the beautiful village of Seamill on the Scottish coast. The Lord has given them a landing spot at the YWAM base there as they continue to develop plans for planting a church soon. Join us in praying for this family!

SoCal and PNW Open Houses

Okay everyone, get your calendars out, we have an update on when and where our open houses will be in your area! We are doing one in Southern California at The Bridge Church (Rancho Santa Margarita) on May 20th, and one in Washington State at Eastpointe Church (Bonney Lake) on June 10th. The Open Houses will be from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, so come when you can. We will have coffee, tea, and some edible goodies. Can’t wait to see you and hug you!!

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