



## Just The FAQs – Part IV

**What is your transportation situation and how are you managing?** We are using public transportation for all our comings and goings here in Bratislava! The bus and trolley system is quite easy to navigate with multiple bus lines within a 5-10 minute walk of our flat. We do plan to purchase a good used vehicle in June or July, but it will primarily be used when hosting missionaries and missionary families here in Bratislava, and for our travel to ministry work in other countries. High Slovakia income taxes, and our required contributions to Medicare & Social Security in the US, make it impractical to purchase a vehicle with our taxable support income, so we'll use proceeds from the sale of our two older cars in the US, along with some personal savings.

**Are you still raising support?** Yes! In reality, missionaries are continually sharing God's vision and raising support to follow! Currently, we still have \$800 in monthly ministry support yet to raise. God is so good! He is currently providing, through your faithful giving, all of our living support and much of our ministry support. Because our work outside of Bratislava is still in its infancy, our current support income is covering all our ministry expenses. But God is calling us to more and we know He will be faithful to bring more of you to join!

**What is "everyday life" like, now that you are on the field?** Largely as expected, but filled with many surprises – most of them good! ***Our shipped goods arrived!*** And our persistence in, and your prayers toward, securing our visas are showing great progress! Joy's visa application paperwork was accepted on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please be praying for approval by June 28<sup>th</sup>. And ***Gary received his visa (2-year) the last week of May ... one down one to go!*** We're developing a weekly prep and teaching rhythm for Bratislava International Fellowship (BIF), with Gary doing much of the preaching and Joy doing the balance. You can listen online by going to **[www.BIF.sk](http://www.BIF.sk)** and clicking on "Media". And we have bi-weekly BIF Leadership meetings (dinner & conversation at our flat on Thursday nights) and Women's/Men's bible studies on the opposite weeks! Whew!



In May, we welcomed for dinner, our "neighbors" Marc & Kathy Shaw, FMI Missionaries to Vienna, as we are assisting with their planning to host a Balkan nation pastors' gathering here in Bratislava in the fall. We also had the privilege of hosting Matt & Abby Edwards and their girls Kylie, Madeline, and Audrey, as they accepted our invitation to get a short 3-day respite from their work as missionaries to Linz, Austria. They are serving the Foursquare Church in Linz, and assisting the Foursquare Churches in Austria with the development of children and youth ministries! We can't tell you what a blessing it is to finally be in a place to serve and support those called to the mission field! God loves and cares for

them all so deeply, and He has asked you (and us) to show that love in practical, present, and tangible ways. Thank you for being God's love extended to Marc, Kathy, Matt, Abby, Kylie, Madeline, and Audrey!

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