



First Summer in Bratislava

Here we are heading into July, and it is definitely summer in Bratislava! The tourists have come out in full force! The sun is also out bringing with it the occasional heat wave. But we are managing okay after living in Southern California for five years! The Lord has blessed us this summer with invitations to two weddings, our first Slovak language classes, and deepening our relationships with friends through church and bible studies.

Praise Report – Visas & Language

Just four days before Joy would have had to get on a plane and leave the EU Schengen area (upon expiration of her temporary visa), her residency visa arrived! We are so thankful for all your prayers. Thank you, also, for



your financial support, enabling us to take our first Slovak language class. It has been challenging but very helpful. Our teachers are very encouraging, and their style of teaching is working because even I (Joy) am able to speak a few sentences in Slovak now! We have made friends with all of our classmates. One of them, Richard, is from Australia and actually came to our church the week before our class started. He's invited everyone in class to come to BIF! We have four ladies in our class from Iran, Ukraine, and France. Pray the Lord gives us ways to share His love and that they are drawn to Him. We only have two weeks with them, but had the privilege of hosting them all (students and teachers both!) for a Slovak language class BBQ at our home!

August Trips & Visits

Our son Ben is getting married in Nashville, so we are headed to the USA for a very quick one-week trip the beginning of August. Then, Ben and Tanja will head to Europe for their honeymoon and will visit us for a day in Bratislava! We also have a visitor coming in late August! Bekah, a young lady from Seattle Foursquare Church, is studying to be a mental health counselor, and wants to get some exposure to missions. She will be here for two weeks and we are excited for what the Lord will show her about Slovakia and ministry in Europe!

Prayer Requests

We are so thankful for the foundational pieces the Lord has put in place to help us establish our new life here – visas, rental home, health care, etc. There are a couple that remain – (1) a good doctor for Gary to prescribe and monitor medicine for his cholesterol and (2) drivers licenses, an automobile, and auto insurance so we can drive to our ministry work outside of Bratislava. Thank you for praying for these additional details, our travel and the wedding, and for our visitors! We are praying for you and are so thankful for your prayers, encouragement, and support!

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