

Dear friends and supporters,

Despite a long, cold and dark winter our hearts are filled with joy, for the Lord is at work here in Radovljica and we have witnessed many wonderful things happen since January.

January and February are known for being the darkest months of the year in Slovenia. The numbers of suicide rise and people fall into depression. We did hear of one case when a friend of our friends committed suicide two weeks ago. Yet, more often we met people in the last two months who were hungry for God, had many questions, and we had incredible opportunities to share the gospel.



JV marriage conference in Poland

In January, Gloria and I went to a Josiah Venture marriage conference in Krakow, Poland. It was a refreshing time for both of us, just what we needed. Two weeks later I went to Czech Republic with a group of pastors and future leaders from Slovenia to a church planting conference that we have every year. It was refreshing and challenged in many ways to rethink my beliefs about the church.

In February our national youth organization organized a winter camp for youth and we had over 90 students there, mainly atheists. Two weeks later a group of professional snowboarders for Christ came to Slovenia. We had a privilege to host them in our house for two nights. They taught snowboarding and skiing at 4 different skiing venues around Slovenia, showed their recent documentary, and presented the gospel every night. Many youth heard the gospel for the first time at winter camp and this snowboarding event. Pray that the seed that was planted will produce fruit.



Snowboarders sharing their testimonies



Our first church anniversary

Since January Sebastian has been back to preaching in our church. We are currently going through the First John's letter. God has helped him recover from the surgery and he had no side effects, allowing him to be fully engage in work. For that he is very grateful. We get so much joy

from watching God being at work in the church here. People are taking further steps in faith, commitment to serving one another, and reaching our community. Pray for this church as we seek to bring the gospel to the town with 5000 inhabitants, many atheist or Roman Catholics.

We have a few more outreach events ahead of us before we hit the busy summer season and we would appreciate your prayers.

- On the 14th of May we will host a night with a couple from the States, Emerson and Sarah Eggerich who will present their book **LOVE& RESPECT** and have a seminar on marriage. They will do a tour across Slovenia. Every third marriage in Slovenia ends in divorce and we feel it's a huge need to help people understand the beauty of being created differently and learning how to become one. 7 week long course will follow after the event and we will open our home and lead a group through the course. You can pray for the whole tour, God's touch on marriages and those courses that will take place around Slovenia.



Emerson and Sarah Eggerich

- Our team-mates Chris and Ashley Wick with a help of a church from America and Slovene youth from our community are thinking through a **5 week long outreach to the disable community** in Radovljica that will take place in May/June. They have open doors at the local center. Pray for the team, pray for many gospel opportunities. Pray for the church here, that we will engage this community consistently after the team leaves.



The Wick family

- In May we will have a special music group from N. Ireland called Slemish. We will have some local outreach beside the evening concert and also serving other communities around Slovenia. We pray that God will use this group that people would connect with us and also hear about the Gospel. Also it will be a great opportunity to tell who St. Patrick really was.
- Our well known **Summer English Camp** will take place in June 24-30. Pray for the details involved, we anticipate 40 youth, most of whom do not have relationship with Christ, and many will hear the gospel for the first time.



English Camp 2012 – building relationships and share Christ with the next generation of Slovenia

- Praise God for the opportunities with youth in our community. Our weekly **Friday youth clubs** are still running. Over 20 young people are attending it, almost all of whom do not have a relationship with Christ. Pray we will be able to build deeper relationships with many of them and that we would be bold in sharing the hope of the Gospel. Pray for Anton Zupan, in whom we have invested in the last 5 years. He will graduate from high school this summer and we have talked about making it possible for him to do an internship with us for a year. He is an amazing follower of Christ, passionate for Jesus' church and a great youth leader. We'd like him to invest more time into youth ministry in Radovljica in the next year and lead a group of guys. He will need to raise support and you can pray for that.



Anton in the middle – connecting with the youth through games

- On a personal note, we are expecting again. Our third child is due on 22nd of October. We are glad and excited about this blessing. Pray for our family, for wisdom in parenting and for our children that they will know Jesus in their early years.

Before we finish, we would like to share with you two financial needs if you feel led to help in this way.

- Our old projector has stopped working. We would love to buy a new one for ministry purposes. It is around 600EUR (\$760) and if you want to specifically help us in that please let us know. Nowadays it is almost impossible to do without them.
- We will share more in details in our next newsletter but this August we are taking our youth group to USA. We took our old group 4 years ago to N. Ireland and it was very fruitful. So this year we will take our younger youth group to the USA and Anton is going with us to help us since we have mostly boys in our youth group. But because his parents are home now, he doesn't have enough money to pay for the fees. Gloria and I will try to help as much as possible but we want to share this with you. If God is speaking to you to help Anton please do let us know and we can talk about how you can do that. Thank you so much.



Thank you for your commitment in prayer and financial support. We are truly thankful and appreciative for your continual involvement in the work in Radovljica.

The Forjan family
Sebastian, Gloria, Patrik and Samuel