

# Beloved

I N T E R N A T I O N A L

June 2018

Hello Beloved,

We are in the ninth and final week of our spring trip. A lot has been accomplished. It has been a privilege to bring God's love to so many wonderful people in Slovenia and Serbia.

This trip started with a women's conference on the Croatian border and ministering in the Novo Mesto church. A week after arriving we taught eight times in five days at a leaders training in Ljubljana. Forty hours of training, by ten different ministers, was recorded and is being edited for putting on the web. The video switching device we brought from the states helped produce high quality videos. Thank you for helping purchase the equipment!



*Daughters of the King  
Women's Conference*



*Ljubljana  
Leaders' Training*





The day after the training ended, we drove six hours to Serbia. That week included speaking in Novi Sad, Ruma, and Sombor, helping with the worship in Belgrade, and meeting the pastors and leaders of two more churches in Pivnice and Bački Petrovac. In September, we'll have the opportunity to minister in these churches.



*Ministry in Serbia*



After arriving back in Slovenia, we attended a luncheon with David Meyer, Joyce Meyer's son. It was last February that we introduced Jim Puhr, the Eastern European Director of Joyce Meyer Ministries, to the Slovene pastors and churches. This was David's first trip to Slovenia. He came to ask the pastors how their ministry can help. JMM recently finished publishing, "Battlefield of the Mind," in Slovenian, and the churches are giving away 10,000 copies. They have also supplied funds for printing more materials. It was a privilege to be at this meeting with about 40 church leaders from around the country.

*David Meyer*



*Joyce Meyer Ministries*



# Ministry in Slovenia



Over the next five weeks, we ministered 10 times at the churches in Ljubljana, Šentjur, Koper, Cerklje, Kobarid, Nova Gorica and Novo Mesto. During the week, we met with leaders and friends from all of the churches, Veronica led a women's Bible study on Wednesdays in Ljubljana, and we attended prayer meetings in Šentjur and Ljubljana.



Last week, we attended a minister's meeting put on by the Pentecostal Churches (Canadian Assembly of God). It was great to meet some of the church leaders we haven't had a chance to get to know yet. Slovenia has around 45 evangelical churches (six of them are new church plants). This means there is one church for every 40,000 people in the country. To compare, there is one church for every 2,000 people in Florida. Several of the pastors from these churches are working to create a team effort to target unreached areas of Slovenia for new church plants. Many people have to drive an hour to attend church. I hope to send out a prayer guide soon that will help us target these areas with prayer.



Relationships are very important to the people in this region. I can't count how many times we have been asked to go out for coffee. I have learned that the question, "Would you like to go get coffee?" doesn't mean, "Are you thirsty?" It means, "Would you like to go talk." In the States, people often buy coffee for the caffeine buzz. They'll bring you a cup of coffee so you can keep working. Here, having coffee is a social time. It is often used as an opportunity to talk and develop relationships. Every time we come here, we spend time with as many people as we can. They have become our friends and we love seeing them.



We spent many of our church services taking about God's love. I used Luke 15 to describe the kind of relationship God, the Father, wants to have with each one of us. We have discovered that people long to know that they are loved. The greater their understanding of God's love means the greater their ability to love others. If you can learn to be loved, you will learn to be love. Jesus showed both the tax collectors and Pharisees that God desires all of us to see ourselves as His beloved sons and daughters.





God continues to use us to set people free from Satan's bondages. People have been saved, healed, filled with the Holy Spirit, and freed of depression, religion, and poverty. I remember the face of this lady in Serbia. She was so amazed that the pain in her back had left. Others laughed as they were filled with God's joy and depression left. Several testified about the abundance God was pouring into them as they stepped out in giving.

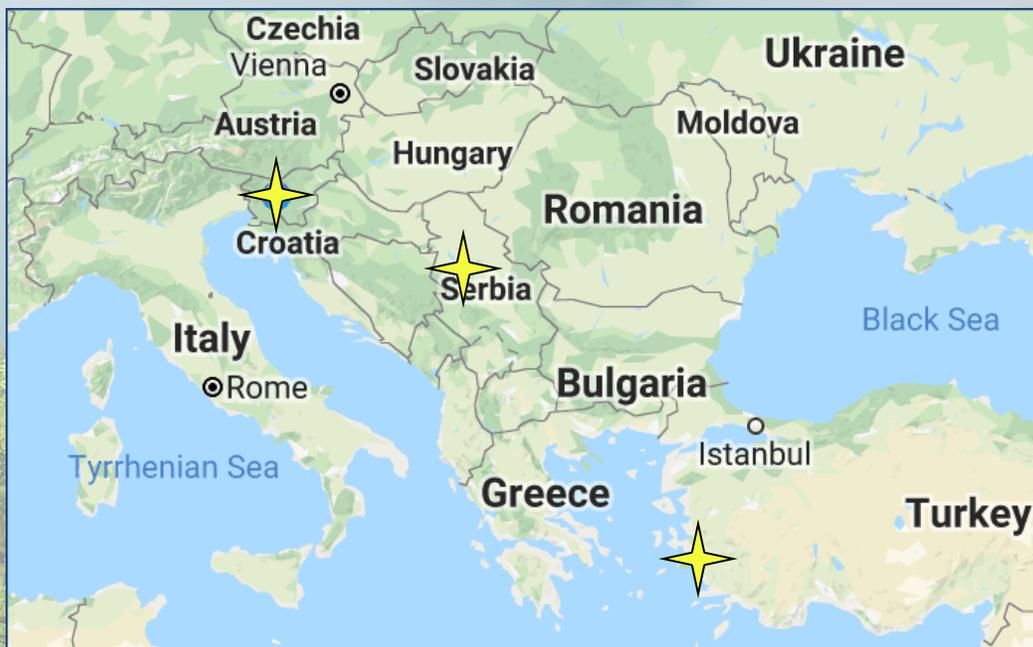
At the end of most of the services, people came up for prayer. Almost every time, we found ourselves teaching them how to pray for the situation themselves. I know we could pray and believe, but it's much better if they learn how to receive for themselves. Whenever someone asked to be healed, we taught them how to rebuke the devil and speak to the illness. If they asked for prayer for their loved ones, we taught them what to pray and how to pray in tongues over the situation. And many times, we didn't pray at all; we just showed them what the Word says and how to act on it.



One of the most significant things we accomplished this trip was obtaining our resident permits for Slovenia. Veronica and I are now allowed to live and work in Slovenia year round. Our plans are to continue to travel to Eastern Europe twice a year, but now we don't have a 90 day limit. Rachel will be able to apply for her permit next April when we renew ours.



Our next trip will begin at the end of July. This means our time in Florida will only be about five weeks. During our next trip, we will be in Slovenia for three weeks, Turkey for a week, and Serbia for two weeks. We often wondered why God had us go to Turkey to start our traveling ministry. It turns out that Turkey played a major role here in the Balkans. Before WWI, the former Yugoslavian territories were the dividing line between the Austrian/Hungarian and the Turkish Ottoman empires. You can see the influence of the Turks, especially south of the Sava River. The culture south of Novi Sad, Serbia has a definite Turkish feel. It helps knowing a little about their heritage as we minister.



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The flights for the summer trip have already been purchased. We still have to reserve places to stay and vehicles to drive. We plan to continue our efforts to raise up leaders within the church. There is a great need for more teachers and pastors. By providing solid Bible-based teaching, we will give people the confidence to be ministers. The training meetings we did early in our trip proved to be a great option for educating and motivating the believers. Plans are in the works for more. While we are in the States, we will be working on more material that can be translated and used by the churches to teach some of the basic Bible principles.

A lot has been accomplished. We have seen many people touched by the Lord. God has been opening more doors of opportunity. It is exciting to see and be a part of what God is doing here. Thank you for your financial and prayer support. Your partnership helps make it happen.

**Thank you!**

Be greatly blessed,

**Dan, Veronica, and Rachel Bean**

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