

Greetings in Jesus name!

Once again, after a short period of time, we are sending greetings to you from Kočevje! It's just a month after our last newsletter, but we have a lot to share with you. Our Lord blesses us on a daily basis and we are deeply thankful for each blessing.

Our church was blessed in June with four individuals who have decided to follow Lord Jesus Christ and have given their lives into the Lord's hands. They confirmed their decision with baptism on the Croatian coast. There is a village called Zambratija, where Christian family owns a property, and they hosted us there. After two hours and a half of having fun on the bus, we arrived on the spot. Then we had a short worship service, and then the baptism took place. All of us went to the coast, where we sang worship songs and one by one they confessed their faith in Savior Jesus Christ and receiving a baptism. That was a great event not just for these four persons, but for whole of church. God is being faithful.

After the baptism we had a picnic, where we took care for our physical bodies. Then we had time to swim and to have a lot of fun.

As we said goodbye, our host honored us with playing the zither. That day God blessed us with six "not-yet" believers from Kocevje, who went with us. Some believers from Ljubljana and Koper joined us that day and we had a great supportive fellowship.



God gave us opportunities to be very active at the beginning of July. A public school opened the door for us, so we invited pastor Turinski and his wife, who work with Child Evangelism Fellowship, to help us lead a children's day camp. Some of our younger church members helped the Turinski family in this project; working with children was a new experience for them. **At that time we had a group from California in Kocevje, who taught English.**

There were a lot of great stories how God was moving. One of them I will share with you. There is an atheistic family who told us clearly not to invite them to church or any church activity. But God can find a way! Their friend told them

how great the children's camp was. Then they contact us, we talked and on Wednesday they brought both of their children to camp. Later their mom called my wife Mateja and said: "You know what my son said, when he came home? He said that God created everything around us for us to enjoy all of creation and we even don't thank Him for all that! We live empty lives, we just hurry and do things but all what we do have not real meaning." This mom was impressed by her son.

But I am impressed by God! He found a way to inform that family about the children's camp. Somehow He made them bring their children and then He used their own son to share the Gospel with them. Our God is a mighty God!



**The team from California was very helpful in teaching English.** There is an institution called People's University (adult continuing education) in Kočevje. They partnered with us (the Evangelical church in Kocevje) in teaching English. They paid for all the advertising, they gave us classrooms and they made all the photocopies for us. We were able to teach and do what ever we wanted. So, we divided 50 people in 4 groups. There were four teachers and four helpers. **Pastor Paul Lundberg from California and I went from class to class to teach Bible lessons.** It was amazing to see how God was moving in their hearts. They were asking various questions about God and the Bible. After two weeks of teaching we had a party. Students brought cakes and we had real Christian party. We sang a lot of Christian songs and really have great time together. One could feel how God's Spirit was moving in hearts of the students. We still have contact with some of them and some of them came to the church service. I know God will continue to work in their lives and will bring them to know Him.

That last Friday, the People's University gave the students an evaluation form. The last question was: "Would you like to share anything else with us?" Most students answered, how they appreciate a "positive energy" that they felt during singing Christian songs, that they were thankful for spiritual growth and for great relationships that they were able to be part of. One woman wrote: "Even though I don't believe in God, I learned a lot about life. I appreciate it a lot."



I am thankful to God that He led us and blessed through this entire project. I know that He will accomplish His work that He has started. God is good – all the time!

I would like to thank all of you who pray and support us.

**Please continue to pray:**

- **For the four people who were baptized, that they will remain open for spiritual growth and serving**
- **For those in our church who are still thinking about baptism, that they will decide to completely commit their lives to Jesus**
- **For children and their parents who were at the children's day camp, that the Holy Spirit will continue to work in their lives.**
- **For the students in English class, that they will find a way to come closer to Jesus.**
- **Please pray for our family financial support, while my wife is out of a job.**

May God bless you with all of His blessings and thank you for being partners with us in building the Kingdom of God in Slovenia.

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