

Sýkoras in Slovakia

April 2009

He is Risen! Christ is risen indeed! Greetings to you, friends and family, and Happy Easter! Josef, Simon and I are standing with arms open, ready to receive the new life, new hope and new grace that Easter promises. We pray that you will also seek and find God's grace during this season. Thank you for taking a moment to read our newsletter and we appreciate you keeping us in your prayers!



We have been happy to shed this winter clothing-enjoying 80 degree weather and sunshine this past week-just in time for my dad's visit to Bratislava! ☺



New Life – We praise the Lord that a young man we met at our church's family camp last summer gave his life to the Lord this fall. He has been meeting with Josef ever since the camp and has been steadily growing in his faith. He is preparing for baptism this spring.

Youth Work – Josef has had an encouraging year working with the high schoolers; watching their group grow from 10 to 30. The youth are excited about their group and taking ownership of it by inviting friends, advertising and helping to run the program and clean up afterwards! *Pray for on-going discipleship of these teens and for more to come to Christ through them. (Pictured left at youth event).*



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Relationships – I (Lynette) have had the privilege of getting to know several women from our community here in Bratislava. It's great to form friendships, be a part of mentoring and counseling relationships and to have fellow moms to



commiserate with, I mean, rejoice with! Pictured here is good friend Kristina, who is a long-time member of our Cirkev Bratska church. She is an English teacher and she also translates for us foreigners on Sunday mornings. Kristina and I have met every week for the past year. Thank you for understanding the confidentiality of the counseling work I have been doing, please pray for me even though you don't know specifics.

Praise the Lord for some breakthroughs with the women I have been working with and for some answers to prayers in the member care arena as well!

Teaching Opportunity – At the end of this month, Josef will be teaching at our FM conference in Romania. This conference, hosted by our FM fellowship in Arad and missionaries Scott and Paula Dunn, seeks to gather our fellowships from Hungary, Ukraine & Romania together to encourage one another personally and in our walk with the Lord. Josef will teach about the meaning and use of Psalms in worship and in personal devotions. *Please pray for this event, for the logistics, for the spiritual growth of our members and that we would continue to reach others for Christ.*

Personally – Josef and Simon and I are expecting “Baby Sykora” the beginning of June, so 8 more weeks to go! I had some contractions a couple weeks ago and was in the hospital for a magnesium infusion. Baby and I are doing alright, but this has meant a much slower pace for me and feeling of weakness. Please pray for the birth to go well, for our family to adjust to the changes ahead and for Simon to handle a little “less Mama” for a while. I have been thankful for many answers to prayer and for the eight or so women who have been helping or offering to help (including my mother-in-law).

May the joy of Christ be with you! Your friends: Sykoras

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