



Sýkoras in Slovakia

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Free Methodist Missionaries to Europe: Pastoring local church in Bratislava, teaching and member care for Europe.

Here is our news! *Luke Augustin Sýkora* was born June 8th to Josef and Lynette Sykora and brother Simon. He shocked us by weighing in at 3.86 kilos, 8 ½ pounds! He



was in perfect health and came out crying. We are all very happy to welcome Luke to our family and are enjoying getting to know him, the new guy with lots of hair and a big appetite! Lots of folks say he looks like his Grandpa Sittig.

Thank you so much for your prayers for us, for the birth, for Luke's health, and for all to go well. It is disappointing that it was not a natural birth, it just didn't happen, so Luke was born Caesarean, but all really did go

well. Our doctor was great, the hospital was much better than the one I was in with Simon, and we were able to leave the hospital after 5 days (about as short a stay as you can hope for here post-operation). One beautiful moment was when Simon first saw his brother. First you have to know that Simon loves his matchbox car "Lightning McQueen" and carries it everywhere. It's his favorite and most precious possession and he even sleeps with it. When he saw Luke, he asked us to give Luke his beloved car! We did, but of course we later gave it back to Simon! Sweet, though.

We are grateful for the help we are receiving. Josef's mom was here while I was in the hospital. Jan Coleman was here twice after we got home to help out. And now the ladies in our church have been providing lunch almost every day for about 2 weeks! We are truly spoiled!

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for Luke, to be healthy and strong. Pray also for his citizenship paperwork for US and Czech Republic to be done swiftly and that he would be able to get local health insurance soon (rather than the expensive commercial kind we are paying for until paperwork is done).*
- Pray for Josef as he takes youth to a conference this week where he is also leading seminars.*
- Pray for Lynette to continue to recover physically from surgery and pregnancy.*
- Pray for the family camp our church is hosting at the end of July, for witnessing opportunities there and for Josef as he and Pastor Daniel are co-speakers for the camp.*

God bless you, friends! A helpful prayer for us has been Psalm 46, so we offer that to you!

Sincerely,

Josef, Lynette, Simon and Luke Sykora