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“Hi, do you have a second? We’re a group of Americans visiting Slovakia and are seeking to learn more about the culture. We’re having an event to get connected to college students and would love to have you there!”

These words came out of the mouth of James, one of our student leaders. He attended the summer mission trip to our partnership location in Slovakia this summer as they try to help the national team in the country build a movement in the capital city of Bratislava. Several students and staff participated in this four week long mission by engaging in spiritual conversations in what is considered a spiritually dark place, as communism during the Cold War led to church corruption and a lack of institutional trust amongst Slovaks.



It was while handing out flyers for this event that James met Lukáš. Like many of the students in the country, Lukáš has little spiritual background to speak of. However, he attended the event. After hearing the testimony of one of the other students at the event, he and James began to have a gospel conversation. Unlike many in the country, he does believe in a higher power. Unfortunately, he has no clue who this higher power is or what he’s like.

At this point, James was able to share the gospel with Lukáš, describing the need for God’s intervention due to our sin and Jesus’ work of redemption through his death and resurrection. Most of this was completely new to him, as he’d never had an opportunity to hear the gospel from anyone else before. While Lukáš has not yet accepted Christ, he has shown interest in learning more and has been connected with the long term missionaries in the field there.

Please pray for Lukáš and others like him, that he would be able to see the light of Jesus shining through those he is now connected to and would desire to give his life to him.

Yours in Christ,

Clay + Emily

*Name changed for his privacy

FAMILY UPDATE

We have been doing well so far this summer! Other than taking a brief vacation earlier this summer, we have stayed quite busy. I (Clay) have spent a lot of time connecting with many of you, our ministry partners. It's been incredibly fun to catch up and share all that God is doing! Much of the rest of my summer will be filled will continue to stay busy between church presentations and preparing for the upcoming school year. Emily has been continuing her normal work schedule this summer working with Cru's national graphic design and videography team, as well as preparing all of our printed materials for our local outreach at OU in the fall.

We have a big update concerning Elliott that has been encouraging. First, he saw the doctor a couple of weeks ago and has officially received an ADHD diagnosis. This has been a journey of more than two years to decipher his issues with behavior, mood, attention and learning. It has been a relief to finally have an official diagnosis. We are working with several experts to continue to find the best way to help him grow and thrive. Thank you for your prayers, past, present and future, for Elliott and his development.

Judah continues to do well this summer. He is getting braver about getting into the water at the pool and has really done well with his developing language, though he still has a hard time knowing the difference between the words hungry and thirsty! He loves spending time outdoors and will sometimes just wander around the backyard for half the day if we let him!



PRAISE + PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise God for several successful Summer Missions, including our Slovakia partnership.
- Pray for Slovakian students seeking Jesus, particularly for Lukáš.
- Pray for our incoming freshman class - in particular, pray for the Holy Spirit to begin working in their hearts even now, so that they are prepared when they arrive on campus.
- Pray for God to set up “divine appointments” for us, that He would guide us to meet with the students are prepared and ready to hear and receive the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for us as we continue to parent our precious children, and for our marriage.