

Dear Pastor and Church,

May/June 2025

Psalm 119:105 says, *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.* In our time here in Slovenia, beginning very early, we found that the commonly available Slovenian Bible was heavily influenced by the catholic church. We began about ten years ago to work on a faithful translation into the Slovenian language. We hired people. We used people from our congregation. We met in groups

to work on this. Some members of the group left and others were added. The work was paused for periods of time, but the burden to get a reliable translation in the language of the people never waned. Today, I can report that we just received the first printing of 25 copies of this Bible. It has been a lot of work but it has all been worth it. It has always been our goal to leave a faithful translation that will outlast us, if God should tarry His return. This accomplishes that. A few months ago, a church in Kaufman Texas, Faith Baptist, pastored by Ron Oster, sent us an offering for the purpose of this first printing. It covered it and will cover further printings also. Thank you Pastor Oster! Now pray that these Bibles will open the eyes of the people of Slovenia to the truth of God who loves them and wants a relationship with them.

The Barkows



Vid continues to grow by leaps and bounds. He is so hungry to learn. He has stopped by the church to see me several times and he usually stays 3-4 hours! I love it! We talk about doctrine and how best to reach or approach people; he wants to know as much as possible. He comes from a catholic background and is right now at a catholic youth camp as a leader. He calls himself a missionary to the catholic children and he is writing me multiple times a day with questions. He is such a blessing to this older missionary. Please do keep praying for Vid that God would continue to encourage him and allow him to see fruit from his newfound freedom, peace and boldness.

SENDING CHURCH:

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CLEARINGHOUSE:

GIBM GLOBAL INDEPENDENT BAPTIST MISSIONS PO Box 700 Sherman, TX 75091 We are once again asking you to pray for the Cook family as they prepare to come to Slovenia. They have almost raised all their support and their intention is to leave the U.S. in the early fall. Because almost all work stops in the summer for vacations, it will be a challenge and we have several hoops to jump through to get the process going. They are anxious to get here as we are anxious for them to arrive. **Pray that God gives them a quick and painless path to get their residency.**

Until next time, May the Lord richly bless you as you serve Him,

