



The Norton Family

Missionaries to SLOVENIA

Dear Friends and Family,

May/June 2017

Every time I write this letter I have to stop to remind myself what the LORD has done. Sometimes, like presently, we are overwhelmed with the things that are yet to be done. All we feel is this over-powering burden and it is hard to see what God has accomplished. However, when I set aside the burden of today and think about what He has done, I am very encouraged to find, that despite our inadequacies, He is still amazing.

In May, our nieces helped completely finish the distribution of literature in our municipality of Postojna. This includes not only the main town but also the numerous, small villages scattered around. Also, they gave us a good start in covering the municipality of Divača which is our next goal.

The end of May saw the arrival of Miss Marcia Dow, our seventy-eight year old friend from Maine. She has a great burden for Italians and came specifically to pass out tracts in Italy. The LORD used her, along with Edward, Luz, and our nieces, to jumpstart the distribution of literature around the area where we hold our Bible study. He gave her and Christina the opportunity to witness to Edward's eighty-three year old parents who were fascinated to meet this elderly person who was not afraid to travel great distances just to tell them about Jesus. She was certainly a great testimony for the Lord in Trieste!

At the beginning of June, Ruth and Hannah flew back to the States. They are greatly missed but we thank the LORD and their parents for the three months we had with our nieces. But alas! There was not much time for pondering sorrow for we immediately set out to Germany with Miss Marcia to visit our friends Miles and Grace and their wonderful children. Their pastor, who was in the hospital, asked me to preach the Sunday services and it was encouraging to meet another church working to reach the lost in Europe. And upon our return we said goodbye to Miss Marcia. She was a blessing not only to us but also to the people of Trieste, especially Edward and Luz.

As we prepared for the campaign to pass out literature in Trieste, I had warned Edward and Luz that we could expect the world, the flesh, and/or the Devil to oppose us. Shortly after all guests had left, the attack came on Edward's and Luz's young marriage. For a few weeks it seemed the union would be disbanded and we did the only thing we could: pray. We are still praying but we are encouraged to see God putting the pieces back together. Please pray for this couple for I know that God will use them as they learn to trust Him day by day.

In June the Slovenians were excited to receive the first printing in over 400 years of the 1584 Dalmatin New Testament. Most people do not realize the brevity of what they now have. They are lauding this as a great "cultural" accomplishment complete with a press conference, broadcast interviews and various news articles. They consider the Dalmatin to be the beginning of their written language therefore solidifying them as a people group. But more important than "all the rave" is an enormous open door for the unadulterated Gospel to be preached. Please pray that God will have His perfect will as we (and others) have the privilege to distribute this very "culturally relevant" literature.



The Norton's

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"...for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few."
1 Samuel 14:6

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