



The Norton Family

Missionaries to SLOVENIA



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Dear Friends and Family,

In Sunday school we have been studying the life of Christ chronologically. A recent lesson has been the call of Matthew to follow Jesus in Matthew 9. In verse 17 Jesus says, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." It is a passage that has been on my heart for some months now because it is so applicable to where our Western culture has come. I want to challenge you to meditate upon this question: "Are you righteous or are you a sinner?" How do **you** see yourself?

In the last letter I spoke of Milan, the man who has been helping me with my Slovenian. We had been practicing reading and comprehension but last month he agreed to help me translate a sermon. We are working on the introduction which includes my personal testimony of salvation. As we worked through this, the conviction of the Holy Spirit was evident in Milan. He told me that he has never heard the message of Salvation explained or heard a testimony like I had written. Please pray that Milan would not only hear, but also understand and accept the wonderful message of the Gospel. We have a real foe in Satan and he would love to continue to blind Milan's eyes.

It has been a hard and discouraging summer for Edward in Trieste. Because of his work he has been unable to have a Bible study every week. He is also under a lot of stress with concern about Luz in the Philippines (terrorist attacks, flooding, etc). In the mist of this storm he has found new strength from God. Despite his anxieties he has been faithful in witnessing to those around him and is learning to trust more in God. When we gather, our fellowship is so sweet and when we leave, it would be hard to know which family was more encouraged. Even his parents who are not believers thirst for these meeting at his home. They live in the apartment above him and love to listen to the music and the children. They speak almost no English but the Spirit of God has power like we do not understand. There is peace and joy at the cross of Jesus for the weary soul that no man can explain. He is calling to them, "Come unto me". There is no hope in you, there is no hope in other men, and there is no hope in religion; there is only hope in Jesus Christ. Please pray for Edward and Luz; his family: Papa Giorgio, Mama Lana, sister Aurelia, niece Valeria; and close friends, Danielle and Antonia.

So, are you righteous or are you a sinner? This is the question I have long considered. One group Jesus said He did not come to save; the other He came to seek and to save. One considered themselves complete without God; the other falls at the feet of Jesus broken and in need. One relies on self; the other relies on God. One has come to their own conclusions; the other seeks God's answers. One has their own plan; the other seeks to follow God's plan. One has their own religion; the other can only worship at the Cross. Which one are you?

For Christ,

Daniel, Christina, Abigail, Gideon, Lydia, Priscilla and Ezekiel Norton



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

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