



# The Norton Family

Missionaries to SLOVENIA

November/December 2018

Dear Friends and Family,

We had a wonderful Christmas! We set aside all the hustle and bustle of the season and worshipped Him together as believers on Christmas Eve. We sang, we recounted, we praised, and we heard His Word echoing out the message of the gospel: "Peace on earth good will to man." Just a couple weeks before, I was writing and translating a letter to give to the people of our village. In previous years we have caroled and given out Bibles and other pre-printed material, but this year I wanted to hand each neighbor a personal letter. God laid on my heart Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." As I was translating this verse from the Slovenian versions available I realized not one of them said, "on earth peace, good will toward men." Instead, they said, "on earth peace to those in His favor." Did I have to be in His favor to receive salvation? **NO!** Praise God, He came to save a SINNER like me! In His good will toward man, He brought peace between Himself and me. Who would change God's Word? Satan. And he has been doing it from the beginning! As we caroled from house to house this Christmas season we proclaimed a clear gospel message and were welcomed into many homes and made several new friends. Our prayer is "please God open their eyes that they might see the truth of Your Word."

During this time Christina taught an English class for the children of our village. The response was very good and has already opened the door into homes to share the gospel. We wish to continue this outreach in the coming months.

We also had a great opportunity to accompany Edward to the Trieste Christmas market. We prepared a couple of hundred tracts tied with a candy cane to hand out. What a blessing to be giving out God's Word. As expected some refused but many did accept the gift. I was especially touched to see a group of young teenagers by the harbor. Each one accepted a tract as a silent prayer went out for God to change these young, lost souls for eternity. I have thought about these young people several times since. Please pray that God would send someone to help us reach the people of Northeast Italy.

As I look back over 2018 I am greatly encouraged. During this year I have been able to share the complete gospel message with more people than any previous year. God is working. Could we be a faithful witness for just another year? Ten years? Twenty? May the LORD help us.

We were praying about returning to the States last fall but God foresaw some unexpected obstacles and lovingly did not give us peace until last week when He gave us the go ahead to visit our families this spring. Lord willing, we will be in for six weeks from March 5 until April 16. Praise the Lord for the internet; however, there is something to be said about holding a loved one. It has been five years since we were there and a visit to the various family members and friends scattered around our great land is certainly a blessing! Our schedule is already filling up as we set necessary medical appointments and coordinate visits with as many of our supporting churches as possible along our various routes. The Lord knows what we need and will work out everything according to His will. Please be in prayer for us as we plan and make this trip.

As a special prayer we would like to move as soon as possible after our return and not wait until our present contract expires January 2020. We are not opposed to staying in the same area, even the same village if the LORD would open up a place. Housing is very difficult to find. A local Slovenian friend searched and only found 1 house 30 minutes away in the wrong direction and more expensive! But we know that He will provide in His perfect time. Please pray for us.



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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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