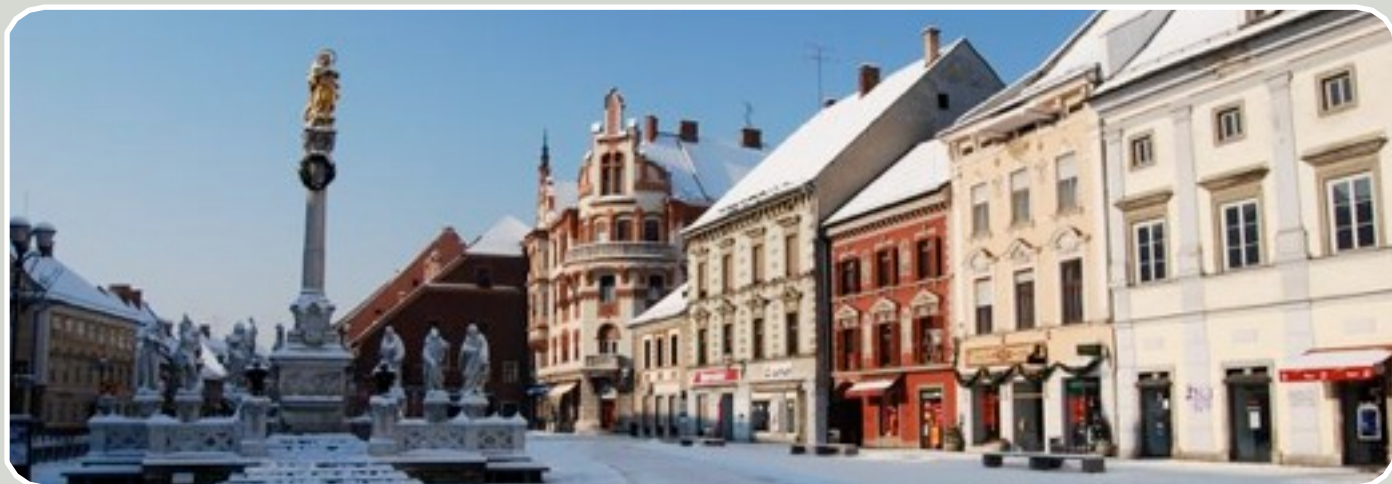


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# LETTER BOX

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## NOT TAKING GOD AT HIS WORD

**We have found Slovenes very resistant to reading the Bible**

Recently Kingsley had a conversation with a Catholic friend about whether we can be good enough for God. Kingsley tried to convince our friend that we all reject Jesus in our lives. In Slovenia, most Slovenes will not read the Bible because they think that they have to be a trained priest to read and understand it. Their Bibles sit on their bookshelves gathering dust. Our friend is no different, and Kingsley said that not reading your Bible is rejecting Jesus because it is His word. So Kingsley suggested they read the Bible together. But his friend said it wouldn't be "a fair game" because Kingsley has studied theology and knows the Bible better than he does. (Kingsley thought this was a little ironic,

because Slovenes are trained to listen to experts and not to think very critically - apparently the expert has to be approved first.) So Kingsley challenged him to read the Bible for himself.

*Please pray for our friend and his wife, that they might read the Bible for themselves and that God's Spirit will bring them to understand grace.*

*Please pray that other Slovenes will pick up the Bibles they have in their houses and read them.*

*Pray for wisdom for us in how to challenge friends and strangers to read the Bible.*

*Pray that God will prompt someone to be game enough to read the Bible with Kingsley.*



### **Maribor Town Square**

Maribor's square is dominated by a statue of Mary. It was erected because legend has it that a plague was stopped when people prayed to Mary.

## Preaching God's Words

Our church is largely reliant on the work of missionaries and outside speakers for its public teaching. Only a couple of Slovene men from our church regularly teach God's word - the majority of the time foreigners are teaching. We would love to see people from our church trained in preaching. Our church and a church from Ljubljana are organising a preaching seminar in March, to train people in preaching from the Old Testament.

*Please pray that many people from our churches might come along to the seminar and that they will learn to preach faithfully from God's Word.*

*Pray that God will continue to raise up more Slovenes to teach his word in this country.*



our church

## Luther and Calvin

Kingsley recently had the opportunity to lecture a history of philosophy class on the contribution of Luther and Calvin to philosophy. He was able to present the reformers' influence on the thinking of our society and explain their teachings to second year students.

*Thank God for this opportunity and that quite a number of students came.*

*Thank God that the lecturer was positive about the lecture and was trying to think of ways to include Kingsley in her teaching program next semester.*

*Thank God that Kingsley was able to have some conversations with some students afterwards.*

*Pray that some of the students might have been challenged to look at the Word of God and what it teaches about grace.*

*Pray that God will provide ongoing contact with students and lecturers.*

## CHRISTMAS SNAPSHOTS



## Ana Magdovski

Ana is a regular member of our church. She was raised in Poland, married a Macedonian, raised two daughters in Slovenia and has now become a Slovene citizen. She has recently retired and is enjoying having some more time, freedom and energy for Bible study and church.

- Thank God for saving Ana and that she is keen to serve God's people and is regular in attending church and Bible study
- Praise God for her witness to her husband, who doesn't have a personal relationship with Jesus, and pray that he might be willing to read God's word and submit himself to Jesus
- Pray that Ana will use her time wisely during retirement to serve God and his people



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