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FISHING FOR STUDENTS

Perhaps we need to spread the net wider and try and contact students in different faculties around Maribor?

Does God exist?: Interest but no big bites yet! Recently, Kingsley organised a lecture on the existence of God as part of a philosophy subject with the same title. Christian Bensele, from Schloss Mittersill, gave the lecture on three arguments for the existence of God. The lecture went well and a number of students and lecturers came. Afterwards, there were a number of questions and discussions.

- Thank God for the lecture of Christian Bensele on the existence of God and pray that students and lecturers will want to find out more.

- Please pray that Kingsley might be able to follow up on responses to this lecture.

Fishing in other ponds. Until now, Kingsley has been focussing mainly on the philosophy faculty of the University of Maribor. He has attended lectures

and has met various students and lecturers there. We have been challenged to think and pray about trying to contact the students in other faculties as well. Kingsley doesn't have a natural 'in' for the other faculties, so it is a more daunting task.

- Please pray that God will open doors to allow Kingsley to meet students from other faculties in Maribor.

- Pray especially that some students might be willing to read the Bible with Kingsley.

Two's better than one. A friend who works with a student group in Graz, Austria, has offered to bring a few students to help Kingsley contact students from October on. We are excited about working in partnership with them and are trying to work how best to use them.



University of Maribor

- Pray that we might be able to work with these students from Graz to make contact with students here.

EQUIPPING GOD'S PEOPLE

One of our goals is to train people in teaching the Bible.

Training individuals

We have been encouraged by one of the men in our church, who has recently decided to have another go at preaching. Previously he decided he wasn't cut out to preach. Kingsley encouraged him to work at his preaching and offered to meet with him during his preparation to help him understand the passage and prepare a talk on it.

They met together before he preached and talked through the passage. We thought he did a faithful job of teaching God's word. Our friend said it was helpful to meet together to discuss the passage and was quite positive after the sermon.

- Thank God that our friend was willing to have a go at preaching again.

- Please pray he will continue to make time to work hard at understanding God's word and how it applies to our lives.

- Pray that he might have learnt a lot from God's word as he prepared this talk and that he might be willing to preach again in the future.

Bible study leading

Unfortunately Kingsley's Bible study group has had a couple of hiccups over the last couple of months. One member has decided not to come any longer. The man Kingsley was working with to train him in Bible study leading was told by one member of the group that he was no good at leading Bible studies. He now does not want to lead any studies.

Kingsley is keen to train someone else but has no other suitable candidates in the group.

- Pray for our friend, that he might continue to be keen to study the Bible himself and that in time God might prompt him to work at leading studies again.

- Pray for the group dynamics, which are difficult at times.

- Pray that God will bring another man into the group that Kingsley can train and mentor.



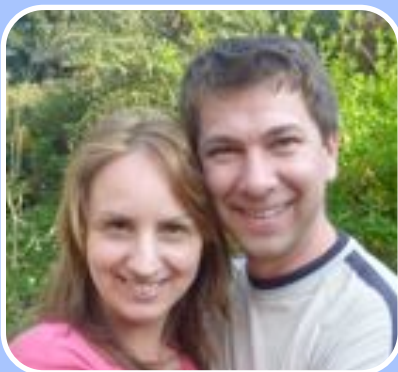
Passover meal at our apartment

Training in Slovenia

As Slovenia is such a small country with an extremely small, struggling church, there are very few opportunities for formal training. There is no Bible college and conferences for Christian workers are usually combined with other countries. Very few of the churches have Slovene pastors, and most of them haven't had formal Bible training.

- Please pray for God to raise up workers for this harvest field from among the Slovene people.

- Pray God will provide resources for the churches and pastors in Slovenia in their own language.



Peter & Lidija Novak

Our friends Peter and Lidija (Lydia) are a Slovene couple with three children, Erik, Karis and Lara. Peter is the pastor of the Reformed Evangelical Church in Ljubljana. He studied at Moore Theological College in Sydney and returned to Slovenia four years ago. We are very thankful for the way God has prepared him for ministry here in Slovenia and for the skills he has in teaching the Bible.

- Thank God for saving Peter and Lidija and raising them up to work in Slovenia
- Pray that God will give Peter godliness, wisdom and faithfulness as he leads this church, that God will work through him and his words to build the church
- Pray that they and their church might continue to be a light for the gospel in this difficult mission field
- Pray that God will continue to provide the funding for their work as their church is too small to support a worker itself



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