Dear Friends,

We are now several weeks into the new work in Lendava. A group of 6 to 10 is gathering for a home bible study using Christianity Explored—a study of Mark's gospel that we translated a few years ago. At least four of those attending are seekers, and all are eager to learn and diligent to do their homework.

A few months ago, Daniel (our ministry partner in Lendava) and two other co-workers were waiting to catch a ride home from work. From the bushes behind them they heard a whimpering sound and expected to find an abandoned kitten. Instead, they found a newborn infant wrapped only in an apron. Across the street was a hospital and police station. Two of them rushed the baby boy to the hospital, while the other ran to the police. It was truly in the nick of time, they were later told. The child had been minutes from dying. Within hours the trio of rescuers was relating the heartwarming story on national TV. A tragedy averted. A happy ending.

And a beginning: In the days that followed one of these men began to ask Daniel about spiritual things. Good conversations followed and more and more questions. A few weeks ago Daniel called to ask, if I (Mel) would be willing to meet with this young man. As we sat together at our kitchen table his first words were: “Ever since we found that baby, I knew that something had to change—I had to change.” I told him that only God can do this; only He can change our hearts. Patty and I then shared the gospel with him. After an hour or so of reading Scripture, talking and clarifying, this young man prayed to surrender his life to Christ. He and I are now meeting weekly for Bible Study. Please pray for his spiritual growth amidst challenges he faces at work and home.

We praise the Lord for good participation in the Ladies’ Bible studies in Murska Sobota and Nuskova. Pray with us for two younger sisters that still need to take the step of believer’s baptism.

Thank you for your continued prayers for Pastor Boštjan and the growth of the Maribor fellowship. We continue to have a mentoring role there, though we have scaled back a bit so as to devote more time to the church plant in Lendava.

Thank you, too, for you prayers for all the Davis family as we grieve the loss and celebrate the life of our mother, Ruth. We will be making a brief trip to the U.S. next week for the memorial. The service will be at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Seattle, WA, Friday, Nov. 6 at 2:00 p.m.

With full hearts,

Mel and Patty