

# SEEKING... LORD, LOCATION & LEADING

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Though outwardly we are wasting away, inwardly we are being renewed day by day... But we set our sight not on things seen but that which is unseen. For what we see is temporary, but what is unseen will last forever - II Cor.2:15????



## Resolutions Anyone???

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January, the time of the year when people begin to think of such things as their New Year resolutions. Gym memberships rise as many are determined to drop the Christmas pounds. Holidays to exotic locations are planned. Work schedules are paired back. But, as we all know, by the time February rolls around, the gyms are nearly deserted, attended only by the truly disciplined; holidays are reconsidered (often replaced by significantly closer and exotic locations); and the In Box seems to grow by the day.

Some might call it cynicism, but I haven't made any resolutions this year. Not because there aren't areas in my life that I want to change, but I know

myself. I may not even remember the actual resolutions by February! For myself, I try to live my life to the fullest, taking advantage of every opportunity.

God doesn't always show me what He wants to teach me in the year by January 1. We take it as it comes, and step by step, I am being transformed into His image. His desires are placed in my heart, and I am lead along the path. On the journey, there are times when I wander off the path, or a barrier is placed in the way. The path sometimes gets hidden by darkness, but His Word is a lamp unto unto my feet! And with Him I can overcome all things.

The Bible says that we have the light of Christ in us that

shines as a testimony to the world. That we are the fragrance of Christ, and that we have this treasure hidden in us, jars of clay. I know that this is what I strive to be more. I don't want to have just the pilot light on, I want to be like Moses after he met God on the mountain. Shining like the sun! I don't want to only carry a slight trace of that aroma, but I want to be totally stinky! So that wherever I go, my life, my very countenance will give glory to God and draw others to Him.

Is that a resolution? Perhaps. Or maybe it is more like the direction I'm going. I doubt I will reach the fullness of what this means in my lifetime. A New Life's resolution!

## Thank the Lord!

His mercy is new every morning, and we have the opportunity to thank Him for what He has done. A couple weeks ago, a church planter here in Slovakia was in his car with his family travelling home when they were in a major car accident. All of them were spared, not one life was lost, but there were some injuries. Miro, the father, walked away with only minor injuries, as well as their infant son. But Mom and their two

daughters did not fare as well. I'm not sure what injuries Mom sustained, but I know that since that time she also became quite ill and is still in the hospital. Their eldest daughter damaged her back, and is in a back brace. She



Miriam and her father, Miro, church planter in Trenčin.



## Meet the Team!

I would like you to meet Miro and Marta Toth, they also have two sons, Tobi and Adam. Miro was the church planter in Nove Zamky, and now is the lead church planter in Nitra. Miro is also involved in many other ministries around the country, and is still the Lead pastor in Nove Zamky. Milan and Judy Presburger are the local pastors there, but this year are still under Miro's authority. Miro and Marta also have a dream to use their home as a place to offer to young ministers and their families as a place of rest and encouragement.

is back to school, but can either only stand or lay flat, so it's difficult for her to study, and to live in general. Their youngest daughter, Miriam, was sleeping when the accident happened and when she woke up from her coma two weeks later, all her hair was gone, as they needed to operate on her head. Her right side was non-functional, but is has been returning to her. Her right eye, which they said

would be blind, is able to see, although with some difficulty. Her spirits were incredibly low, you can imagine the shock... going to sleep and waking up completely a different person. But her spirits have been steadily improving, and her health is improving also. We know that it is in direct connection with all the prayers that have gone up on their behalf. Please continue to pray for this family, as they are still under a lot.

## New Family

It was my honour this month to witness one of the blessed events in a person's life. The marriage of two good friends, Mirka and Jeff Burt. Mirka is originally from Slovakia, but she attended Vanguard Collge with me, where she also met Jeff. They have just been married, and are involved in ministry in Bratislava, as Jeff is doing his internship here. They also want to come to Nitra once a week on Sundays to help us out here as well.



## Upcoming Events

Feb 3 - Missions Conference in Hummene, Slovakia

Feb 10 - Night of Prayer and Worship in Nove Zamky

Feb 14 - Small group split, I'll be taking on the leadership of the Young Adults.

Feb 15-19 - I'm going to Romania to investigate the cafe outreach they have down there as we are looking into that as a possibility for ministry in Nitra.

Feb 23-24 - Training with NLI for church planters

## Thank you!

I just want to take this chance to say thank you for being actively involved in making a change in Central Europe. Through your prayers and your gifts, we are able to reach people for the Gospel, encourage the Church

of Christ, disciple leaders and participate in Harvest! Thank you for continuing to hold us up to the Father.

## Prayer Requests

1. Salvation: Pray that those we are in contact with would come to know the Lord in a powerful way.

2. Thank the Lord, He has provided office space for us to rent!

3. Pray for Prime Minister Fico, that he would receive wisdom. Also for Mayor Dvonc of Nitra, for wisdom and that we would have favour with him.

4. Church plant. We are continuing to grow and we haven't even gone public yet! We need a building to do that, and we are feeling the necessity to move into a larger facility. We have some prospects, but they need to be approved by either the University Director or the Mayor.

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