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Dear friends,

I feel similar way as the apostle Paul expressed in his second letter to Corinthians (4:8-9). I experienced a lot of blessings during last 4 months both in the ministry and in the family. But they were accompanied with struggles and battles. It seems that they go together. You will see what I mean as you read further.

It is obvious to us that our children are at the age when they are not always in our presence as it used to be a few years ago.

Daniela (15) after hard start as a teenager (which has not ended yet) brings joy into our hearts. This week she was asked by her literature teacher if anyone would be willing to compose a project on apocalyptic genre. She volunteered! In her project, she presented before the whole class, she explained 7 apocalyptic events that will happen before the destroying our planet, based on Bible passages. She briefly introduced the wonderful plan of salvation as well as the punishment for sins. It is exciting to watch her convictions and courage to stand for the Lord in front of her classmates.



Michaela (17) was baptized two weeks ago. Although she put her faith in Christ few years ago, it was her choice to wait this time period before baptism. We are very thankful to the Lord for her intention to serve Him. She is a great disciple maker with a genuine love towards her friends. Our apartment seems to be constantly filled with those school mates and students from recent outreach events, with whom she is following up.

Eva would like to finish her hand-made cards career with an exhibition. She is working hard on it and is anticipating the finish line. I am thankful to the Lord for having her. She is great support and encouragement in my life and ministry to which God called us.



Peter – I am more and more engaged in life of my children's classmates. I have had a lot of opportunities to be with them and serve them. It was through the English camp, their often visits in our flat, Exit Tour project, or during our time in our new church's youth club – Escape. I need to admit that I feel very exhausted now. Last summer was the busiest summer for me. Or am I getting too old?

I was at two English camps, one open air music festival, the main speaker at the youth evangelism camp and I traveled a lot. September was very similar. I visited my friends in Northern Ireland, prepared for the School of the Leaders version 2.0, attended the Josiah Venture Council, attended the Josiah Venture annual leadership conference, taught a seminar at the Cirkev Bratska youth conference and taught Exit Tour training... I feel like I'm at the end of the school year. Fortunately, I can play ice hockey once a week again. My injured knee is ok, without a need of surgery. This sport provides great relaxation to my body and the soul.

New youth club - I am very excited over what God is doing in our local church youth ministry. We opened new club for the youth, call "Escape", for our children and their friends. It's a great place for follow up after English camps. During the summer TCK assisted in 8 English camps where 50 students entrusted their life to Jesus. Two of them were from Zilina's camp. The Christians take better care for the fellow students than last year. I wish you could see the movement and excitement among them. I believe that their effort will not be in vain.

Exit Tour - This was our biggest Fall project. We visited eight high schools in Kosice and Zilina. We did it in cooperation with our Josiah Venture partners from Czech Republic and six local churches in these two cities. We provided an all day program with seminars about AIDS prevention, drugs addiction, US culture, etc. The Christians were the seminar speakers. We had a unique opportunity to talk also about faith and Christianity.

Prayer topics:

- ✓ For wisdom how to operate TCK accommodation since we do not have training school in the building this year.
- ✓ Positive break through for Exit 316 TV project.
- ✓ School of Leaders version 2.0. success.
- ✓ Financial need for my ministry - 300Eur/month.

Thanksgiving for:

- ✓ Success of the petition "We want Exit 316 in Slovak television". We collected 3225 signatures.
- ✓ 5 local churches who applied for School of Leaders version 2.0. program.
- ✓ Opportunity to share the Gospel to 3000 high school students at 8 high schools through Exit Tour.
- ✓ 8 Evangelism camps and 50 newborn students.
- ✓ Successful surgery of my mother's hip.
- ✓ Feri Kozlej and Denisa Gallova - new TCK interns.

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I was honored to interpret one Jewish man named Thomas Graumann. He was a Jewish child rescued in 1939 from death in the Nazi concentration camps, by Sir Nicholas Winton. Winton organized the rescue of over 600 children from Prague just before the Second World War. It was an amazing story of this, now, 79 year old man. He became Christian shortly after his rescue and got the strength to forgive the Nazis who killed all his family who remained behind in those days in Czechoslovakia.

At the end of each of his presentations, he challenged the students to sing with him Psalm 118. "*This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.*" The students most often participated. After the talk there was a time for the questions and the distribution of New Testaments. Michaela's teacher thanked me for organizing this kind of meaningful event and asked me if she can get a New Testament. The kids from the local churches got a wonderful opportunity to do follow up, invite their classmates for the small groups to talk about the ideas

they heard. Some new Bible study groups have also been formed after this event in our city.

Exit Tour was also accompanied by a lot of complications. It proved that we are in the spiritual battle. I can mention some of them. Our Kompas building drain pipe clogged and the furnace room was partially flooded with sewage. One of our tenants announced that he cannot pay his rent. My mother broke her hip and needed surgery. I learnt that my biggest financial supporter cannot continue to support me in the ministry. Two of our interns Seth and Kari were forbidden to stay in the country, because we failed to submit all needed documents for the visa process. The joy and the tears were together, but hope won!



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I am very thankful to our God for you and your partnership.
In Christ,

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