



## **Slovakia**

During Communist rule, Slovaks were denied their ability to practice their faith, and so two generations were lost to the love of God. The Slovakia Ministry is helping to bring Christ and the word of God back to the Slovak people.

We have two ministry partners with whom we are celebrating 20 year anniversaries of partnership.

1. Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Nitra, Slovakia, where we helped with financial support to build a new church. The church membership is steadily growing, reaching younger people.
2. The Center for Christian Education (CCE) in Martin, Slovakia. This is a Lutheran academy admitting students from pre-school to high school. They also operate bachelor's and master's degree programs at a nearby university. Many families are learning about Christ through their young children who attend this award-winning school. We have supported them financially and with work trips.

These partnerships started as a mission and have evolved into a long standing, true partnerships in ministry. Now they give back to us by preaching and teaching at Our Saviour's when they come to the U.S. We have had several students from both Nitra and Martin come for internships and to attend the National Youth Gathering with our high school students. We have had one member go there for a year to teach at the elementary school. We are also working on a student exchange program with Purdue University. Our goal is to connect people from Our Saviour's to people in Nitra and Martin.

### Ministry Options:

- Connect with a Slovak. We can help you connect to learn about Slovakia, their culture, and develop a partnership with them.
- Travel to Slovakia. We have insight trips every year and occasionally have other educational trips, led by professors from CCE.
- Slovakia Ministry Committee. Help us to plan the fundraisers and our communications with both partners.
- Attend one of our fundraisers:
  - Annual Slovak Dinner – held in January at Celebration
  - Ribfest Car Parking – one day during Ribfest
  - Summer Picnic and Concert – held in July at Celebration