

SHEPPERSONS IN SLOVAKIA

A New Season



MINUS 2

The last time I wrote, Gwyneth had not yet finalized her future plans. But as she sought God's path, she believed Calvin University in Grand Rapids was the right choice. She was awarded a significant academic scholarship, and with some other generous donors, she was able to start classes September 2.

So, we have reduced our family in Slovakia to four! Gwyneth's absence really feels like a loss for our work here. She had so many significant ministry roles. We will miss her dearly.



Meanwhile, Emili is entering her Junior year at Wheaton College. She continues to study Bible and Nursing and is already carrying leadership roles within the Wheaton student body. We are so proud of her hard work and God given abilities.





FALL YOUTH LEADERS CONFERENCE

This month (September 23), youth leaders from 14 countries in Central Europe will gather in Czech Republic to be better equipped for youth ministry. Each day Biblical truth will be heard and decisions will be made that affect the movement of God around this region. Pray for God's power to be strong in each person's life throughout the five day conference. Zac will be teaching two seminars and Kim will be able to attend some as well.



TACO TUESDAYS

We're excited that Sam is bringing his schoolmates around our house these days. Kim proposed one day a week for English conversation over dinner. So we call it "Taco Tuesday" now. Good mexican food is hard to come by here, so this makes our house especially attractive. Pray with us that Christ will be easily detected and discovered through Taco Tuesdays.



HIGH SCHOOL EVANGELISM

Since our last update, we completed another EXIT TOUR in several High Schools. It's always a pleasure to stand in the classroom with this young generation of students. It's not so encouraging to see how clueless they are about many things. But God has a way of reaching each one for his family.



At the end of our week of prevention seminars in several schools, over 30 students made professions of faith in Jesus. Help us pray for lasting fruit from these that God is calling.



250 MORE

20 new monthly supporters has been our goal as we prepare for the financial realities of a second child in university. To date God has provided 15 partners! Only \$250 per month left! If God would speak to you about helping us reach our goal, please write me at zshepperson@josiahventure.com. We are thankful for God's faithful people who stand behind us year after year!



DAVID TO CAMP

We asked for prayer in our last update about Hampton's friend David. We have good news. Even though we were not in Slovakia during the Summer, David decided to go to English camp anyway! How brave is that! We were so excited to find that he had gone. We know that he heard a clear gospel challenge during the camp. So, help us pray for the growth of that seed.



AMERICA IN THE REARVIEW

After three months, 12 states, 8 flights, countless miles driving, numerous churches and many wonderful meetings, we returned to Slovakia September 3. Our primary goal for this trip was to launch our Gwyneth into Calvin University. But we managed to squeeze in a host of other adventures! Thank you to all who fed us, hosted us and encouraged us during these months. The fabric of our lives is woven by knowing each of you!

GALLERY





**Gwyneth
gets her
drivers
license**



**Emili on her new
vintage bike**



**High School
friends reunion**



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friends**



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Our teammate Josh's wedding

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