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BACK FROM BRATISLAVA...

Reflections of EuroNet Pastor's Conference, Vienna, Austria (November, 2011) Mark & Susie ministered to 500+ Pastors on Wednesday evening. (below)

October, 2011...we had the privilege to travel to a new Country, Slovakia. The Capital city of Bratislava has 1/2 million inhabitants and overlooks the Danube River. The Assemblies of God have only one Missionary family in the entire country!

John & Daralena Bean (pictured Above), originally from Southern Missouri, have been on the ground for 2 years now. 2 of their 5 children, live with them there. We ministered in their church plant, BIF (Bratislava Intern'l. Fellowship www.BIF.sk) On Sunday,

October 30, 2011. The Beans, have labored faithfully for 2 years and have a congregation of approx. 50 people. It has been a challenge but they have been blessed with the friendship of a National



Overlooking Bratislava, Slovakia... a Capital City with 500,000 Souls



Independent Church, **BCC (Bratislava City Church), Pastor Posho**

(Paul) (pictured Left,) who has been very kind to assist the Beans with many things. We attended both churches and ministered in Word and Music. We desired to cultivate relationship with the leadership there, to lay ground work to... (pg2)



What Is An Evangelist?

Ephesians 4:11& 12,

“He (Christ), is the one who gave these gifts to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists and the pastors and teachers. Their re-

sponsibility is to equip God's people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ, until we come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature and full grown in

the Lord, measuring up to the full stature of Christ.”

In The New Testament, evangelists were men of God who were gifted and commissioned by God to proclaim the gospel. pg2

1981 – 2011

30 YEARS

Marriage & Ministry



Evangelists Mark & Susie Purkey

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(Con't. from pg 1) *"What Is An Evangelist"*

i.e., the good news, of salvation to the unsaved and to help establish a new work in a city. When the Gospel is proclaimed, it always carries with it the offer and power of salvation.

(1) The ministry of Philip the "evangelist" (Acts 21:8) gives a clear picture of the work of an evangelist according to the N.T. pattern. (a) Philip preached the gospel of Christ (Acts 8:4-5,35). (b) Many were saved and baptized in water (Acts 8:6,12), (c) Signs, miracles, healings, and deliverance from evil spirits accompanied his preaching (Acts 8:6-7,13). (d) He was concerned that the new converts be filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:12-17; cf, 2:38; 19:1-6).

(2) The evangelist is essential to God's purpose for the church. The church that fails to encourage and support the ministry of the evangelist will cease to gain converts as God desires. It will become a static church, void of growth and missionary outreach. The church that values the spiritual gift of the evangelist and maintains an earnest and ongoing love and care for the lost will proclaim the message of salvation with convicting and saving power. (Acts 2:14-41).

Back From Bratislava (con't.)

Possibly return in 2012, Lord willing. **The invitation was extended by Pastor Posho, in the National Church (BCC) as well as from Missionary John Bean at (BIF).** So we are making plans to return in October, 2012. **Glory to God!** While we were there, an interesting story... (pic. Right). **A Gypsy named "Margita"** had a very special night of hope, as she dedicated her life to Jesus Christ. After hearing Susie's testimony of overcoming an alcoholic home and a near suicide attempt, Margita came forward at altar time. Her comment

was interesting. She told Susie that she couldn't believe that in America, a person could suffer such bad things. **She said, "I never thought Americans could have these kinds of problems like us!"** We were blessed to pray with Margita and see her commit her life to the Lord Jesus Christ.

In a Country that has endured genocide, Nazism, Communism & years of oppression & poverty, the people of Slovakia remain resilient & determined to be a sovereign people group in Central Europe.

Our invitation later this year will take us to a large Gypsy



Altar service at BIF "A Gypsy named "Margita" Seeks hope in Jesus Christ and finds HIM!

Camp. Reports of a wonderful Revival among the Gypsies in Bratislava has reached us and we will be going in and conducting Revival meetings this Fall. **Thank you for assisting us in prayer and finances! May we all Reap the Harvest! (1 Cor. 3:7 &8)**