



FIRST BAPTIST

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Fellow Laborer in Christ,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Anna Smith and our church family here in Elyria, Ohio. We have had the great privilege of seeing God do a work in Anna's heart as He has been directing her to the field of Slovakia. Our church has seen the birth of two missions agencies, one of those being Baptist Mid-Missions, and we are thrilled to see God sending another young person out to the mission field. As you know, one of the great humbling and sharpening parts of being called to the field is the support raising process. It is a time of learning to rely on God and seeing His call answered by the provision and partnerships formed within the body of Christ. We look forward to seeing God use other churches, beyond ourselves, to see Anna grow in these ways and make and meet new churches and ministry partners in the path ahead.

Anna, after receiving her biblical training, started to sense God's leading in her life and has seen Him bring clarity, direction, and provision. I know that you will be blessed to hear her testimony and call to ministry.

We are pleased to be Anna's home and sending church. We have seen her grow up in our church family. She has involved herself in numerous ways throughout the years here and continues to do so. We as a church are putting our support behind her in additional ways as she now seeks to raise both financial and prayer support for this work of the ministry in Europe. We are excited to see how God is going to us her gifts and skills in music, children's and women's ministries, Christian education and more. We believe that she will bring much fruit and value to the team that God is using in Slovakia, enabling that ministry to accomplish more.

Anna has shown submission to the Lord as well as initiative in her work for Him. I am confident that she will continue to grow and thrive through this support raising stage as God prepares her for the place He has called her to. We would whole-heartedly recommend you and your church consider joining with us as we support Anna Smith as a missionary.

If you have any questions concerning Anna or her ministry, I would encourage you to contact her. I also would be glad to answer any questions you might have for me. You can email, call, or text me, and I would be glad to tell you more about what God is doing in Anna's life, including the ways we are seeing God expand her ministry experience here in our church in preparation for the field.

In Christ,

Pastor Dave Burman Jr.



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