

## Language Recordings UK Slovakian Recording Trip...October 2010.

### [Our recording trip to Bratislava in Slovakia.](#)

Hello there, Joan and I just returned from a recording trip to Slovakia. We were meant to travel there in April this year, but due to the volcanic dust over northern Europe (remember that?) at that time we never got there. On the 25th October we arrived in Bratislava in the bright sunshine although we could tell winter was on the way. It was lovely to be back again there after almost 2 years. We were so glad to meet up with our translator friends Stella and Andrej who did the translation of our scripts and would be our language helpers. Stella works for TWR who broadcast the "Good News" in Slovakia.



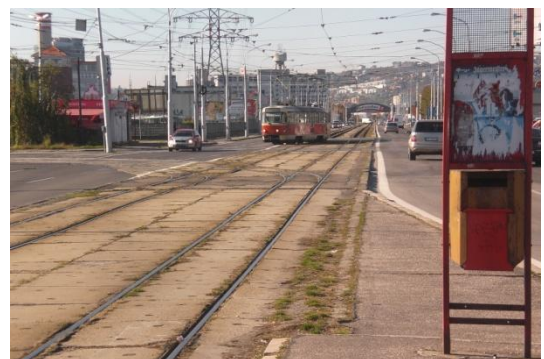
She has her own radio program and because of her great experience she made our job of recording very easy. We did 5 new recordings and will edit these and make new CD and DVD masters and then make copies for distributing. We hope to distribute through a new contact



that has links with other missions and churches around the country. This is a real answer to prayer. These new recordings will also be put on the [www.globalrecordings.net](http://www.globalrecordings.net) web site so that Slovakian speakers anywhere in the world can listen online or download free...Praise The Lord. We really appreciated the hard work our friends Stella and Andrej had done to enable us to get these vital Bible story recordings made in their language.

**Slovakia...** has a population of over five million and is a landlocked country bordered by the Czech Republic, Austria, Poland, Ukraine and Hungary. The largest city is the capital, Bratislava, and the second largest is Kosice. Slovakia is a member state of the European Union, NATO, and the United Nations. The official language is Slovak, a member of the Slavic language family, although there are many other languages spoken there.

A separate Slovak state briefly existed during World War 11 and in 1945 Slovakia once again became a part of Czechoslovakia. The present-day Slovakia became an independent state on 1st January 1993 after the peaceful dissolution of Czechoslovakia. Slovakia is classified as a high-income advanced economy and joined the European Union in 2004, however the transition from Communism to market capitalism has not been easy. Together with Slovenia they are the only former Communist nations to be part of the European Union, Eurozone, Schengen Area and NATO simultaneously. There are many Slovakian speakers around the world. In the USA census of 1990, a total of 1.8 million people identified themselves as being of Slovak ancestry.





Approximately 60% of Slovaks identify themselves as Roman Catholics, 9% as nonreligious, 6% as Protestant, 5% as Eastern Orthodox and 19% chose "other" to identify themselves. It seems to me on the surface that although the country is thriving economically in the main line churches there can be a spirit of passivity and even cynicism.

Evangelical denominations are few and small. We trust our recordings will help the church to grow in numbers and in Biblical knowledge and teaching.

It took us 3 days to complete the recordings as Stella teaches English at a school every day, so we fitted in around her schedule. We also got to visit and speak to her students one day when she invited us to go along and tell the children some of our stories. They are all very keen to learn English. We noticed the lovely wide streets in in the city with trams



running in the centre and cars and trucks along the outside of the streets. This reminded us of the time we visited Moscow with their wonderful wide roads.



Much of the work of our organization does is to reach those millions of people living in hundreds of thousands of remote villages around the globe, but as we travelled in the local trams in this lovely city of Bratislava I could

sense the hopelessness of the people who don't know Jesus. The people we met were so friendly and yet we felt like in many other places we have visited this is very much a secular country, where God is left out of people's lives. Please pray for Slovakia and its lovely people and for our recordings to be a blessing to many.



Thank you for praying and for your support.  
God Bless you and bye for now.  
*Kenny & Joan.*