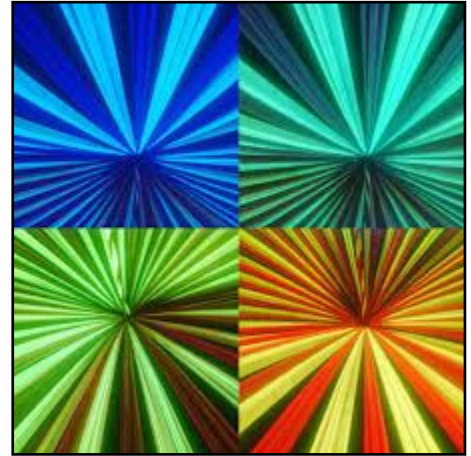


Dear Friends,

April 10, 2017

One definition of an important word in our lives these days: **Convergence** – *Two or more things coming together, joining together or evolving into one.* Let me explain:

Recently I wrote this in a mid-March email to a friend: “*The **Agathe Center for Entrepreneurship** www.agathecenter.org – our training center here in Bratislava – is really starting to come together. We’re getting it furnished and equipped day by day and already entertaining visitors.*” Additionally, I wrote... “*Thanks for your great help in getting this project off the ground. We believe that many around the region are going to be blessed. Everyone loves the facility we’ve chosen and what we’re doing with it. ... More and more seeing this as something of a **convergence** of everything we’re about and everything we believe and have to offer being lived out, so we’re going for it. While it is a stretch in every way, we believe it is exactly what we should be doing.*”



Without question, the prayers of many of our friends have had a very significant part in this convergence. In our early January letter, we asked you to pray regarding this project – to pray for setting up the space effectively, for all organizational matters to be completed, for all the communication with potential clients and partners, and for partners of all types

who come alive with us in the pursuit of this vision. The Lord has graciously answered these prayers – often in ways above and beyond all that we could ask or think! **Thank you for praying!**

While our first quarter focused on getting settled in Slovakia and preparing to launch the **Agathe Center**, my Navigator responsibilities also took me to Poland, Bulgaria, Kenya, Egypt, the U.K., Hungary, Croatia, and Albania. I had the privilege of speaking at conferences on “business as mission”, of participating in leadership gatherings, of many one-on-one meetings and small group consultations. We asked you to pray for capacity and again the Lord graciously answered. **Thank you for praying!**

And now, while enjoying a short break to enjoy the Easter Holiday with family, we are looking ahead to some key events over the next few weeks that we would ask you to uphold in prayer. **Pray that each event would be honoring to the Lord and serve His purposes:**

- April 21-23 – D3 Navigators Bulgaria Board and Staff Retreat, Kyustendil, Bulgaria
- April 28-30 – Agathe Center Launch Consultation – Bratislava, Slovakia
- May 3-6 – Balkans’ Church Planting Learning Community – Sofia, Bulgaria
- May 7-10 – Speaking and consultations with pastors, missionaries, and business people – Warsaw, Poland
- May 12-16 – Missional Enterprise consultations – Zagreb, Croatia and Bologna, Italy

Please pray for safe and efficient travel, for clear and effective communication, and for wisdom in relating at each point along the way as we seek to come alongside and contribute to what the Lord is leading people to do in his service.

We have seen prayer carry us through a schedule like this, many times before. It is why we keep coming to you and seeking your help. **Thank you for praying!**

Ralph & Bonnie