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| Life is hard on marriages. Strong marriages don’t just happen. They require work! Marriage strain is often even more pronounced when you are a missionary. This “calling” can make is easy to put your own marriage on the back burner, when there’s so much ministry happening. “There will always be time later….,” we say, and never end up finding that time.  JV is seeking to be pro-active by making space for our missionary couples to spend time working on their marriages. Every three years, JV asks couples to take a break from their ministry, to travel to a retreat sight, (to find baby-sitters), and focus on their marriages. JV offers teaching, counseling, date nights, and deep conversations.**And wow! We had a great week in Krakow, Poland, at the JV Marriage Retreat from February 20-23!**This was a big event in our new job of Member Care! Each retreat requires time and prayer on the part of our Member Care team to decide who will be invited to teach and counsel our couples. It also involves lots of logistics to make this the best possible experience for each couple.Dave Patty, the President of JV, along with his wife Connie, led the track for our 26 JV first-time marriage retreat couples. The teaching and discussions were on the Biblical foundation of marriage. Conversations centered around God's original plan for being “one flesh,” what has gone wrong with marriages since the Fall, our call as husbands and wives, passion, and prayer.JD and Michele Senkbile were invited to lead the track for 70 marriage retreat alumni couples, focusing on Attachment Theory and Love Styles, telling our stories, and cycles of bonding as couples depending on our Love Styles. The Senkbile’s were recommended to JV as a dynamic cross-cultural couple. Michele is from South Africa and JD is a Kansas farm boy from the US. Automatically, this alone spoke loudly to our multicultural team with many cross-cultural marriages. JD and Michele now live in California where JD is a pastor, church-planter, coach and spiritual director. Michele is a marriage and family therapist. Together, they led us into deep places in our marriages, using all of who they were individually, and as a couple. We also instituted “Dynamic Community Groups” in this track enabling couples to share about what the Lord was doing during this teaching. Many said this time of sharing was a highlight of the conference!The retreat schedule included lots of space for couples to spend time together, processing what they were learning and what it meant for them in their marriage.Most of our Ukrainian couples could not attend, due to men still not being allowed to leave the country. But they were able to join us by live-stream. A few did receive permission to come and we rejoiced that they were able to be with us! We love our JV Ukrainian couples!One couple said that during their Dynamic Community Group, the open and vulnerable sharing, could easily lead to a significant change for their entire country team and maybe the whole country! Another country has decided that their Dynamic Community Groups will continue to meet to provide this crucial supportive community.JV brought in six counselors (some were couples) and a few JV Marriage Coaches (us included) to meet with couples. Together, we provided over 92 hours of counseling/coaching during the retreat! We were so grateful to each counselor or coach who poured their lives into our JV team. We even had one couple do counseling in the Czech/Slovak language! One counselor, with permission, shared how a couple began the counseling session very far from each other, and left holding hands with smiling faces. This is what we love! We spoke with a Country Leader just today, who said this was the best retreat ever (we’ve had five!) because of the teaching, groups, counselors and time together as a couple!We really loved seeing all this happen and getting to be a part of planning and leading this retreat. Yes, there was a lot of spiritual warfare going on throughout the week, but Jesus was victorious! |

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| **A person and person sitting in a room  Description automatically generated**As we poured prayers over each couple who attended, and organized counseling sessions just for them using a tool - Prepare and Enrich assessments, we were flooded with love for our team and their marriages. JV is committed to help these marriages thrive amidst all the pressures of serving young people in Central and Eastern Europe.  Part of our role (the Hashes), is to continue to help marriages thrive. Our goal is to have all JV couples coached through materials from Marriage Team ([www.marriageteam.org](http://www.marriageteam.org)) throughout our 16 JV countries. JV has been working with Marriage Team for about eight years, training couples on our staff to be coaches to those on their country team, as as well as couples in their local churches. About 15 JV couples have already been trained and meet (or have met) with other JV couples in coaching. We have seen amazing fruit and hope for more. But because of other ministry requirements, most cannot coach full-time. Please pray with us that our trained coaches will be able to find time to coach others towards God-honoring, fulfilling marriages which also change society. And please pray for us as we just began coaching one couple last week. |

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| **Pray with us!****Pray for our team and their marriages. Pray that what was begun, during the retreat, will bare much fruit in JV ministries throughout Central and Eastern Europe. Pray for more counselors, in these countries, to be able to help those who need deeper care. And pray for our JV coaches to guide our staff couples to be equipped with skills and offer hope for a marriage which gives great glory to God!Please pray for us (and another couple) as we lead a Marriage Coaching Training for our JV team in Ukraine, April 15-18 near Lviv. Continued war causes incredible damage to marriages. We'll be training our staff to meet with other couples on the team as well as in local churches. The need is huge. Pray with us that God will supernaturally equip these dear teammates to minister to hurting marriages in Ukraine.** |

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