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Dalibor Krupa holds a PhD in physics from Oxford University and works for the Slovak Academy of Science. While he wasn't allowed to travel to the West under communism, he worked in a scientific community in Russia where Christianity was strictly forbidden, yet he and his wife Maria quietly witnessed to others and led Bible studies there for four years. From the mid 1980s until the early 1990s he also coordinated Entrust's training in Slovakia.

Although Dalibor had used other good materials to teach the basics, the systematic, meaningful, yet shockingly straightforward approach of Entrust courses met a real need. "Their questions are not based just on how well one understands the text, but make you think more deeply. Studying Galatians you aren't asked, 'What two things does Paul contrast?' but rather, 'What is the meaning of the law for people who are under grace?' It is much more profound." Another plus is the rapid multiplication of training: after just a couple of courses, Dalibor was leading others through materials he himself had just studied. At one time he was leading five groups.

Everyone from that first pilot group is actively involved in their local church; some still teach at the first evangelical seminary in Slovakia, begun in 1993 when Czechoslovakia had split into the Czech and Slovak Republics. More than one church leader acknowledges that if it weren't for the people already trained by Entrust, there wouldn't have been a sufficient number of qualified teachers to begin the seminary. Also around that time many became so busy establishing church-based outreaches, traveling, studying, setting up businesses—things they had been forbidden to do or that were simply not possible economically before—that it was hard to find time to continue with the intensive commitment required to participate in the small groups.

However, Dalibor says he realizes more and more that it is critical for this kind of systematic training to happen all across the country. "Sunday school teachers, elders, youth workers . . . not all of them can go to seminary, even as extension students. Without good teaching in each place, new workers are not well equipped. It's not enough just to listen to a sermon on Sunday and then work in some ministry. To really grow closer to Jesus, to be able to have something from which to serve, can only be done by deep, regular study of the Word."

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Will you prayerfully consider helping to provide materials and scholarships for the work in Slovakia?



*"We only learned years later how much God protected us. No one else made friends with the head of the secret police in the scientific community in Russia, but we didn't know who he was! His children played with ours. We even gave him a Bible."*

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