



The Johnny Leslie Family

Independent Baptist Missionaries to Croatia

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Dear Fellow Laborer,

Greetings to you all from Croatia! So much has happened since our last letter. God continues to bless the work here, and we praise Him for it! It is hard to believe that another year has come and gone. The Bible is so accurate when it says we have but a little time. Our prayer this year is that we can do more for the Lord in 2009 than we did in 2008!

December was filled with activities as our people tried their best to bring people to Christ. The Saturday before Christmas we set a book and tract table up in town. Through this ministry we were able to pass out many Gospel tracts; no one was saved but many had the opportunity. We also had our annual Christmas program with the children putting on a play. We had many visitors and many of them heard the Gospel for the very first time. We praise the Lord for every opportunity to present the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ.

January was a great month. The first week or so we received a container from America. Harvest Baptist Church in Fort Dodge, Iowa, sent 100,000 John and Roman's and 100,000 Gospel tracts. Also there were 50 new chairs in the container provided by our home church Trinity Baptist and by Aurora Baptist Church out of Texas. Our people we're so excited and thankful, we praise the Lord for using these churches to touch the lives of so many in Croatia.

We are now very busy passing out John and Romans to ever house in our town. These books are the first fruits of the Croatian Bible Project. I can not tell you how excited I was to hold them in my hands. Thank you all who have given so faithfully to this project. Just last week we were stuffing mail boxes in Varazdin with the John and Roman and Gospel tracts which is still legal in Croatia. A few hours after arriving home I got my first phone call from a man who had received one of these books. He was angry that he received a portion of the Bible. I praise the Lord for him, this man confirmed to us that what we are doing is right and the devil doesn't like it.

The Bible project is going forward, and it seems God has answered our prayers concerning the finances. However, it was not in the way that I expected. Brother Nikola one of the men that was working with us, tried to raise money on his own from the states. The problem is he was doing this on false pretenses, a fancy way to say he was lying to people. After counseling with my Pastor, Dr. Bob Smith, Brother Rich and I met with Nikola and we let him go, I guess that is a fancy way to say we had to fire him. Please continue to pray for the project. The New Testament is almost finished and Brother Rich and I are going forward. We are finishing the last two books of the New Testament. The devil has fought every inch of the way, but greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world!

As I close I want to thank all of you who pray and give to our family. I know the economy is bad and we are praying for you. Thank you for being faithful to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Because He Lives,

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