



# The Johnny Leslie Family

## *Independent Baptist Missionaries to Croatia*

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Dear Fellow Laborer,

Greetings to you from Croatia! Wow, these last two months have flown by. We praise God for what He has done. We have been busy starting a new church, working on the Bible project and soul-winning. What a joy it is to serve the Lord Jesus in Croatia.

Over the last two months we have baptized three. This may not seem like a lot for America, but for Croatia, Europe it is a victory. One man who had been saved for sometime finally decided to follow the Lord in baptism. We announced the date to the church and prepared for the service. The night came and when I arrived to church a lady by the name of Nevenka came and said, "I am going to be baptized tonight". Nevenka has been coming to our church since I have been in Croatia. She was baptized by a man who was from the Brethren church. We do not accept alien baptism and for 8 years she refused to be baptized. What a joy it was to see her finally obey God and do right! The third candidate was a young man from Varaždin. I and brother Alen led him to the Lord out soul-winning. It was a blessing to see him immediately follow the Lord in baptism.

As I mentioned in our last letter, we are starting a new church in Varaždin. This city was once the capitol of Croatia. Varaždin is only about 25 minutes from the other church we started, and it is about three times the size of the other city. By God's leadership we were able to find a store front in a wonderful location. One of our members found this building while out walking her dog. I called the number they provided and spoke with the owner. I was quickly disappointed because the owner wanted a year's rent in advance. O, me of little faith thought there was no way this would happen. However, God had other plans. I called my home church and ask for a loan that we could pay back over the year. A few days later I learned that they decided not to loan me the money, but give it! Praise the Lord! Thank you Trinity Baptist Church! On August the 3<sup>rd</sup> we had our first service. We had a 11 from Varazdin and 9 from Cakovec, 20 total! We are looking forward to seeing God work in this city.

The Bible project is moving along. We are trying to get the New Testament finished by the end of the year. It has already been translated, but the men are going over it together to fix any errors. They are meeting three times a week to do this. Please pray that God will give them wisdom. They are also translating the Old testament. To this date Genesis, Exodus, Psalms and Malachi are finished. Please continue to pray for the finances of this project. We have about 500.00 monthly coming in. We need about 1,300.00 monthly to pay the expenses. We have had a surplus for some time. However by the end of the year it will be gone. Please pray with me for a miracle. I believe that God can do big things. He has provided in so many ways for the work here. Your prayers can make a difference.

As I close I want to thank each and every one of you. We are so thankful to have you as our partners in the work of Croatia.

Because He Lives,

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