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Independent Baptist Missionaries to Croatia

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Dear Fellow Laborer,

Greetings to you all from Croatia! We want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas! Christmas is a big time of year in Croatia. Croatians living abroad will return from all over the world to their native country. The towns across Croatia will be lit up with lights and holiday decorations. People all over this country will celebrate the birth of God's Son. However, they don't even know God's Son as their personal Saviour. They know much about Him, but they don't know Him! People here believe that Jesus was born and they believe that He died, but they don't know why! As people are focusing on Christmas our church will do everything we can to point them to the cross, so that they might not only know about Him, but that they might know Him!

The month of December will be very busy for us. One of the things we have planned is a Christmas program put on by the children of our church. They have already begun practicing and praying. This is usually a great time for our church as many people come and all of them will hear the Gospel. Also, we will have a book table in the square the Saturday before Christmas. As I said before, Croatians come home from all over the world and the square is usually packed with people. Our desire is to pass out many tracts and free books. Hopefully we will have the chance to witness to many people on that day.

The past two months have been blessed by God. We have had a few young men saved and the Gospel presented to many people. Our soul-winning ministries continue to go forward. I am very excited to see our people get a burden for their own people. It is a great joy to see them witnessing to their fellow countrymen.

One of the things that I am coming to understand is that God has us here to be His light for the Croatian people. Most of them have never heard a clear presentation of the Gospel. Just recently I met a young man while out soul-winning. He was about 22 and I presented the Gospel to him. He listened so intently and I thought for sure he was going to trust Christ as his Saviour. When I asked him to do so he told me, "I can't do that! I am a tenth generation Catholic." He then told me, "I have a baby on the way and I must christen it at the Catholic Church." I pleaded with him to get saved, I told him his tradition would mean nothing when he stood before God! This young man could not turn from his tradition and trust Christ. At first I walked away discouraged and then I realized that that young man heard the Gospel for the very first time. The seed was planted in his heart and there is no telling what God can and will do in that young man's life through His Word.

Very soon we will be receiving 100,000 copies of John and Romans from Harvest Baptist Church in Fort Dodge Iowa. Our desire is to give every family in the city of Cakovec and Varazdin a copy of these books. Each book will contain several Gospel tracts. This means every family in these two cities will have a chance to be saved!

The Bible project is continuing on. Very soon the New Testament will be finished then there will be only two more books left! Please pray that God will provide someone to print the New Testament for us. Also please continue to pray for the finances of the project, we are still praying for a miracle!

As I close I want to thank all of you for your prayers and financial support. It is because of your faithfulness which allows us to remain a light for the people of Croatia!

Because He Lives,



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