

A GREAT HARVEST

In every ministry, in the life of every believer, I believe, there comes a time when God desires to bring about an abundant harvest. However, whether that harvest comes to fruition is up to us. We must recognize the timing and be willing to be used, battle for the fruit. Let's be honest, harvesting is not easy work as most of our great-grandfathers knew. It is a time of great joy and celebration, but back-breaking work, nonetheless. We believe that we are on the verge of a great harvest. It seems that God has surrounded us with a number of unbelievers who are hungry for the truth and open to the Gospel. God has been ministering in our services in a powerful way and bringing about a number of answers to prayer. Even though Summer can be a very challenging time for the church in Croatia - because most people are on vacation, and the auditorium seems half empty most of the summer, still God has been sending down his rain and ripening what we fervently pray to be just the beginning of a great harvest!



A TIME OF RIPENING In June we held our annual festival-Jarunfest, which was a great success! As in previous years God was generous to us and provided donations from several firms and local business as well as financial support from the City of Zagreb. Because of these donations we had the wonderful opportunity of serving the citizens of Zagreb through worship, preaching the Gospel and various activities for children, including theatrical performances, jumping houses and face painting.

We distributed 1,400 meals (hot dogs and hamburgers) and along with those meals people received free New Testaments. We have seen Jarunfest grow with each successive year but this year was different,

and it was felt not just by people from our church. There were unbelieving people in attendance that commented to us that there was something different about the festival this year. The presence of God was felt strongly and we have been able to stay in contact with some of the people who attended that day and continue to share the love of God with them.

A HARVEST AMONG OUR CHILDREN Not only are we seeing a harvest developing among adults, we are seeing God move among our children and young people, as well. At present, the proportion of children in our church is as same as adults and we are eager to provide fun activities for them that aid them in developing a relationship with God. From June 26 to June 29 we hosted a Vacation Bible School for children ages 6 to 12. Throughout these four days, children became "Galactic Starveyors" and learned about the God who created the entire universe, and his relationship with humans. Leading the VBS was a team of Korean - Americans hailing from Washington D.C.. 26 children attended the VBS and one of those children was from the neighborhood surrounding our church. She has continued attending services and church events and her mother was also in service last Sunday!

We've also seen healing come about among our children. A young couple that recently began attending our church have a small son who had suffered with an unknown medical condition for over a year. His blood work was out of balance and the doctors didn't know how to diagnose or correct the issue. His temperature would spike several times a day and he suffered from a severe rash over his entire body. They brought him to us for prayer and the very next day, no temperature! They had his blood work done again and it was normal. We truly serve an awesome God who loves to answer prayer and heal! Our youth group has also begun to grow slowly as our children invite their friends to attend. They love our youth leaders, Daniel and Gris. They truly give 110% to instill biblical truths in the hearts of our young people, and we pray that the children who have begun attending continue to attend throughout the school year and come to know Christ on a personal level.

OUR BUILDING PROJECT We are still in the process of renovating our building. So far, we have spent 207, 220.46 kuna (\$ 32, 931.34) on our building project. We anticipate that 74,412.43 kuna (\$ 11, 825.57) is what we need complete the project. At the moment what is most important is to install flooring, furniture and heating/cooling units in our children's classrooms so that they will be ready for the winter months. Next month we are looking forward to a week of fasting and prayer. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week we have planned a spiritual renewal conference entitled "Awaken!". If we are to reap the harvest that we believe God has for us and change people in our environment and society as a whole, we must first change ourselves and be spiritually awakened. There is a harvest ripening all around us, please be in prayer for us that we would be ready to bring in that harvest!

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