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CCE

Sunday service at Crkva
Cjelovitog Evanđelja.



Croatia's Flag

Officially adopted on
December 22, 1991.

About CEO

Croatian Evangelistic Outreach is the overseas arm of our church Crkva Cjelovitog Evanđelja (CCE). Its function is to keep our contacts and supporters informed through monthly updates as to the work and ministry of our church here in Zagreb. Through CEO we share with our prayer and financial supporters about our upcoming evangelistic outreaches, concerts, seminars; the testimonies of our new converts, the needs of our church and Pastor Mario's family.

Brief History of Croatia

With a history dating back to the 4th century B.C., when settled by the Illyrians and later by the Celts and Greeks, Croatia has endured multiple wars, empires such as the Roman Empire, the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and the Ottoman Empire, as well as communism. National pride and sturdy resilience is what enabled Croatia to fight its way to freedom time and again. The early 1990's marked a turbulent time for Croatia. On June 25, 1991 Croatia declared her independence from Yugoslavia and brought on an attack by the Yugoslavian army. In this bloody war, lasting five long years, more than 20,000 people lost their lives not only through combat but in concentration camps and through ethnic cleansing. Since the Dayton agreement that finally ended the war, Croatia has fought to repair the damage that not only destroyed cities but also decimated the economy. At the turn of the new millennium Croatia's economy began to take a slow upward turn as tourism was on the rise, yet unemployment and political resistance continues to hold the country economically hostage.



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Croatia and the Gospel

In a country with a landmass the size of West Virginia and a population of 4.2 million it is surprising to learn that approximately only 150 protestant churches exist with approximately 7,000 newborn Christians. Many villages and towns lack gospel preaching churches entirely, and to this day remain void of the true gospel of Jesus Christ. This is why we regularly plan evangelistic outreach events. Because Croatia is a Roman Catholic nation, historically she has been resistant to the gospel of Jesus Christ, perceiving it to be a battle of Protestantism versus Catholicism or even a further invasion of Western culture.

CCE Movement

Crkva Cjelovitog Evanđelja (CCE) is an active, interdenominational movement established in 1989 and is a movement connected with similar churches and ministries in Croatia and abroad. The vision of the CCE movement is to carry the gospel to every place where it is not presented with integrity, to bring change to the community through repentance and personal faith in Jesus Christ by presenting the gospel in a practical means through a variety of talents, personalities, gifts, and ministries. Our mission and goal is to train up a central local church that will act as a hub for future church plants throughout Zagreb and Croatia. In conjunction with this vision we desire to see missionaries from our congregation carry the gospel to unreached regions of Croatia and plant churches in those areas where no gospel-preaching churches exist.



A map of Croatia

Croatia: population 4.2 million and surrounding nations.



Bez Kompromisa

Band Bez Kompromisa at Jarun Lake.



Mario Dučić _ CCE Founder

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Mario Dučić

Pastor and President of
Crkva Cjelovitog Evandjelja.

CCE Founder

Mario Ducic was born in Zagreb in 1973 to a Catholic Family. During the war, in 1991, he began his theological studies at Lutheran Theological Seminary - Matija Vlačić in Zagreb, Croatia. During his second year a Christian befriended him and began witnessing to him. At this time his grandmother became ill and so he asked his friends to pray for her. God answered this prayer and she was healed of her severe pain. The answered prayer softened his heart and that same night as he read the book of John he said to himself, "This is truth. I find myself in every word and this is what I need." Mario was saved that very night!

After finishing his second year Mario decided to continue a third year of study at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Osijek, Croatia. While studying in Osijek he actively volunteered to work with a refugee camp in Gasinci through the humanitarian aid society "Agape". After his third year he received a scholarship to study abroad. These doors opened to him so miraculously that temporarily left his studies at Evangelical Theological Seminary and completed a two-year course in Practical Theology in one year at Christ For The Nations Institute in Dallas, TX. After completing his studies in America he returned to Osijek in 1996 to complete his theological studies, in the field of Christian counseling, on the theme of "The Sexual Abuse of Children". In 2007 he finished his post-graduate theological studies at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Osijek, Croatia, under the title, "Effective Christian Leadership - Understanding and Implementing Visionary and Foundational Characteristics of Leadership." Mario has gone on to finish his Doctoral studies in Practical Theology with special emphasis on „Leadership“ through the Wagner Leadership Institute in Phoenix, AZ. Finally, in 2016 he received his D.Min. at the Mihael Starin Protestant Theological Seminary with a thesis of „Biblical Understanding and Pastoral Approach to Financial Management “

Mario became Pastor and President of Crkva cjelovitog evandjelja in the fall of 2001. God has given him a vision to work and serve both in Zagreb and the entire country of Croatia. He has a passion



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to see the church arise with a new passion for the Lord and for true revival come to the church; to see her awoken to its call to reap the vast harvest of souls yet unreached.

As the pastor, Mario has formed many ministries in the church and has a vision to start societies that deal with practical issues as a means of building the influence of the church in society. He has also engaged in national events with other protestant churches and for some years has led the annual "Croatia for Jesus" festival, "JarunFest" as well as "Days of Reformation". Since 2003 he has actively written various articles and published as well as made public monthly sermons he preached at Crkva cjelovitog evanđelja.

In 2008 he initiated and became President of the Croatian Christian Coalition. The purpose of the coalition is to stimulate and realize solidarity, transparency, quality subsidies and collaboration along with realization of community influence among the members in the political realm through active promotion of Christian principles in churches of the reformation heritage in the Republic of Croatia.

In 2019 Mario was asked by Operation Christmas Child to be their national leader in Croatia. He put together a team that hosts training sessions, aids in organizing evangelistic events for children throughout Croatia at which the shoe box packages are distributed, and verifies that proper follow up is taking place in churches after these events.

Mario was a member of the central headquarters committee and council for supporting human rights, civil society, and the justice system for the main political party. He is also the author of two books Effective Christian Leadership and Your Daily Money which have been endorsed by several Croatian Evangelical Leaders as well as the former Croatian President, Mr. Ivo Josipovic.



Family entertainment

Free food at an outreach for families.



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Bonnie Dučić

Mario's wife

Bonnie Dučić

Mario's wife, Bonnie Ducic, is also a graduate of Christ for the Nations Institute, Dallas TX and daily assists Mario in ministry. Having felt a call to the mission field from a very young age she sought every avenue to learn about mission work. In the early 1990` Bonnie spent six months in Moscow, Russia working at the Advanced Training Institute – Moscow Center. Upon graduating from Christ for the Nations Institute in December of 1998, she moved to Vinkovci, Croatia where she assisted a local church by working with their music team and with their young people. In 2001 she married Mario Ducic.



The Dučić Family

L-R

Luka, Bonnie, Vjera, Mario,
Divna, Filip.

Bonnie is worship leader and director of the band Bez Kompromisa, which has recorded two live worship CDs „Ustani Gospode“ (Arise, O Lord) and „Pred Svetim Kraljem“ (Before the Holy King) and their newest studio album, „Enter into Your Victory“, released just this year in English and is available on iTunes.

Bonnie and Mario have a strong vision for reaching Zagreb and the nation of Croatia by training up leaders and missionaries to reach the unreached regions of Croatia. They are accomplishing this vision through the CCE movement, which is not only a church but also an interdenominational movement designed to multiply itself throughout Croatia. Together they have four children – Filip, Luka, Divna and Vjera.

More information: cce.hr/en/home_en.html



Current Prayer Needs

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Current Prayer Needs

Several departmental ministries have been set in place to help us accomplish our vision, yet in order to be successful we have a number of projects that need funding. We ask that you join us in prayer as you read through the following projects that outline the needs, the funds needed, and what the funds for these projects will do in advancing the Kingdom of God in Croatia.

Building Fund

After sharing a facility with other churches for more than two decades, in September 2016, the Lord has opened the doors for us to finally move into a new church facility that we can call our own. The new location is perfectly suited to meet the needs of our church, including the children, as well as other ministry needs of the church. However, the building we moved into was simply one open room with concrete floors. As we moved in we had to install dry wall, flooring and had other construction done to make the facility more suitable. God has been very faithful to provide the required finances, and we are overjoyed to finally have a place of our own. The new meeting place is still a rental. However, our lease is a five year lease with the possibility of purchase. Because it is located in a heavily populated part of the city and because the facility is ideal for our needs, we would like to permanently stay at this location. The final price is \$425 000. This would

allow us to not only have a permanent place of worship for generations to come, but also to have a place in which we can host various programs that will serve our community. We are currently working on ideas such as: free child care for a few hours once a month, leadership classes for small business owners, a youth church on Sundays along with various youth functions, and after school activities for children. Our vision for this facility is not simply to have our own church building in which to host Sunday and Wednesday services. Our vision is to have a place that will be full of events every day of the week that serve the community and demonstrate the love of Christ.



Worship at CCE

Glorifying God and crying out for revival.



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Young Families

Families serving together at CCE.



Youth camp

Ministers

It is our desire to see Croatian men and women enter full-time ministry. However, due to the economic struggles in Croatia most ministers find it necessary to take on a “tent-making” business. The economic situation in Croatia is very unstable, not only is sales tax at 25% - in addition to other high taxes – but due to the fact that most goods are imported, prices are quite high. Along with this, the average salary in Croatia is \$900 per month. This creates a serious problem for people who are in ministry to provide for themselves and their families. This also prevents these individuals from being able to invest in some of the necessary full-time commitments needed here to advance the gospel. Furthermore, it is very difficult to find employment in Croatia. Having a reasonable full-time salary would enable those called into vocational ministry to focus all their energy toward their calling and enable them to go on to harvest souls throughout Croatia. Please consider helping us support a single minister, a couple, or a family. Our vision is to see ministers supported by the local church. Yet, partial gifts, monthly support or annual support would help them get started until their church could support them with tithes and offerings.

- Single: \$25,000 annually
- Couple \$50,000 annually
- Couple with Children \$70,000 annually

Summer Camp

Summer is a popular time for parents to send their kids to camp. This is a great means of evangelism. Christian kids can come to camp with their unsaved friends to enjoy the beauty of the mountains of Lika, experience the love of Jesus Christ and the message



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of the Gospel. Because of the sharp rise of inflation in the recent years, some Croatians have found it virtually impossible to pay the cost of camp. We would like to remove that hindrance and thus make it possible for anyone to come, especially the unsaved, no matter their financial situation. \$7,000 would help to cover the cost of those who cannot afford to pay tuition.

Evangelism / Prayer

Many regions of Croatia remain unreached with the gospel of Jesus Christ forcing us to seek creative evangelistic approaches. Apart from street evangelism, where we hand out tracts and share our testimonies, we evangelize through concerts, drama, and special outreach services.

Each June we host a large outdoor outreach at Jarun Lake called Jarunfest where we give away free food, host free concerts by Croatian Christian bands, and rent inflatable jumping balloons for kids. Our vision is to reach families by offering free family entertainment. This event has been recognized and supported by the City of Zagreb and has proven to be an event our unsaved friends and families with children of all ages love to attend. It also gives us the opportunity to hand out thousands of copies of New Testaments and Gospel tracts.

Furthermore, the prayer and fasting ministry is vital to the foundation of what we do. Every day of each month an individual from our church chooses to fast and pray for the ministry, the unsaved, and upcoming evangelistic events. Often we encourage our



Jumping Balloon Castles

Jumping balloon castles for children at Jarun Lake.



Street Evangelism

Handing tracts near central train station.



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Christian Worship Band

Bez Kompromisa live on stage.



Band Bez Kompromisa

An outdoor concert.

congregation in a week of fasting in prayer for upcoming evangelistic outreaches. \$10,000 goes annually toward the following:

- Purchasing tracks
- Venue costs
- Costumes, make-up, backdrops, props, etc for evangelistic dramas
- Mission trips
- Printing costs for church flyers, invitations, and posters
- Assisting in other outreach ministries throughout Croatia

Music Ministry

In the late 1990's God raised up a band within our music ministry called Bez Kompromisa (No Compromise). Before long it had not only gained a reputation for being one of the best Christian worship bands in the country. God also began to anoint members of the band to write their own worship music. We feel that music indigenous to Croatia (music written with original Croatian texts by local people) is extremely vital to the Croatian people. Bez Kompromisa has recorded two live worship CDs comprised of original worship songs: "Ustani Gospode" (Arise, O Lord) and "Pred svetim kraljem" (Before the Holy King). Currently they are in the midst of recording a third album also comprised of all original worship music. Our music ministry has a strong desire to not only lead God's people into worship but also to spread the gospel through music. Croatia's religious roots and deep love for music provide a great avenue for spreading the gospel through Christian music. \$8,000 annually would assist in instrument repair and upkeep of sound equipment as well as for evangelism needs such as a stage and equipment.



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Publishing

Realizing the importance of Christian literature in assisting proper Christian growth we strive to make literature available to the believers in Croatia by organizing a small team of people within the church who are in charge of translation, editing and publishing of books. Apart from the few books that have been written or translated into Croatian, there is very little Christian literature available in the Croatian language. Because we find it very inexpensive to print books and teaching materials we have begun a ministry specifically for translation and printing. \$7,000 for this ministry will help us translate and print at least two books a year. In 2103, we published Pastor Mario Dučić's first book, *Effective Christian Leadership*, and his second book on finances is currently in the process of being published. Also, we encourage and equip other people in our church to write indigenous Christian books that are culturally more relevant for Croatian Christians.

Mercy Ministry

In 2005 our brother Mladen Justinić was burdened with the desire to reach out to the widows, needy, and infirmed; and he began the Mercy Ministry - an outreach ministry to visit the widows, feed and clothe the needy, and visit shut-ins and those in hospitals. A year later he went home to be with his Savior, but the ministry continues under the direction of others who also have a burden to help those who cannot help themselves. Mercy Ministry seeks to visit local hospitals, the elderly, widowed, orphaned, and shut ins; as well as assist the poor with bills, food and clothing. The greatest need in this Ministry is for food and \$7,000 annually would assist us in aiding those who find themselves under great pressure due to Croatia's economic struggles, the elderly who are unable to find employment, and those who are unable to pay their monthly bills. Croatia's social welfare system is financially poor, giving the church a prime opportunity to obey God's command.



Quality Christian Literature

A great need in aiding quality Christian growth.



Mladen Justinić

Original founder of Mercy Ministry-CCE.



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Children's Ministry-CCE

Laying a foundation for future generations.



Youth Ministry

Pre teens and teens meet to study Bible, pray and have fellowship.

Children's Ministry

Throughout the Bible God instructed His people to teach His law to the next generation. We feel responsible to lay a strong biblical foundation in the hearts of children and young people that will set the stage for their future ministry in God's kingdom. Our church has a children's ministry that actively and creatively instills the Word of God and its principles in the hearts of young children through stories, art, drama, and creative play. We also do an annual family outreach on a local parkside lake where we invite families to come and participate in a day of games, free food, and concerts. \$6,000 annually would assist in buying:

- Toys
- Art/craft materials
- Literature and teaching materials
- Evangelistic Outreach

Youth Ministry

As children within the church grew and began bringing their friends to church, we started a youth ministry, held every Wednesday evening during our mid-week service. Young people gather to study the Word of God, worship, play games and interact. They also participate in various ministries within the church such as media, working at the book table, helping in Children's ministries and street evangelism. A young couple from a town North of Zagreb come each Wednesday to teach our youth group. Danijel and Gris are CFNI alumni, have vast experience in working with young people and have a strong calling for this ministry. Some of the greatest needs we have for this ministry are finances to cover their travel costs and finances for materials and literature. \$6,000 annually would help us cover the needs of this ministry.



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Leadership Training

Not only do we want to help current ministers become fruitful in their calling, but we also aim to disciple new believers and train them to be ministers, leaders, and those who will carry out our vision to take the gospel throughout Croatia. Each January, we host a leadership retreat that is meant to refresh our leaders and facilitate a time of dialogue, learning, and growing together as leaders. Each year we invite a special guest to come and share with us about principles of leadership. \$5,000 would go toward paying for discipleship materials and securing the retreat center.



Leadership Training

Philos

During 2019 Pastor Mario initiated the founding of the non-profit organization, Philos. The goal of this organization is multifaceted; in addition to working with students, we would help those most vulnerable in society, people with financial needs, as well as addicts and delinquents. We would put an added emphasis on teaching principles of leadership and entrepreneurship founded on Biblical principles to encourage progress and advancement. Christian businessmen have already focused a large part of their evangelistic activity on the marketplace, this organization would encourage them to continue in that direction and would encourage many through various conferences, meetings and counselling. \$4,000 annually would assist in administration costs. \$4,000 would also help us support entrepreneurs and small business owners as a way of providing jobs to the unemployed, and fellow churches.



Leadership Training



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A Church Van

Would assist in transportation.

Church Van

It is not uncommon to pay more than \$80 to fill a tank of gas in Croatia. In a city with excellent public transportation many families do not even own a car. However when it comes time for us to go on various outings as a church or the kids need to go to camp, the problem of finding rides for everyone arises. Having a church van would assist us in solving these issues and help in the transportation of equipment for events. \$33,000 would help in purchasing a good used van and cover the 25% sales tax plus possible custom fees.





Mario's Ministry

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Mario's Ministry

Mario is available to minister to men's groups, business leaders, mission groups, youth groups, at mid-week services, Bible studies, and regular church services. Mario's strengths in preaching and teaching are in the areas of leadership, revival, prayer, spiritual discipline and character development. To schedule Mario for a speaking engagement you may contact him using one of the methods below.



Altar ministry at CCE

Helping people find freedom in Jesus Christ.

Croatian Evangelistic Outreach Pledge Card



Yes, I would like to partner in this ministry with my monthly pledge of:

☐ \$ 50 ☐ \$ 100 ☐ \$ 150 ☐ \$

☐ Please find enclosed my gift of \$

☐ Please find enclosed my gift of \$ for supporting a full-time Croatian minister.



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