

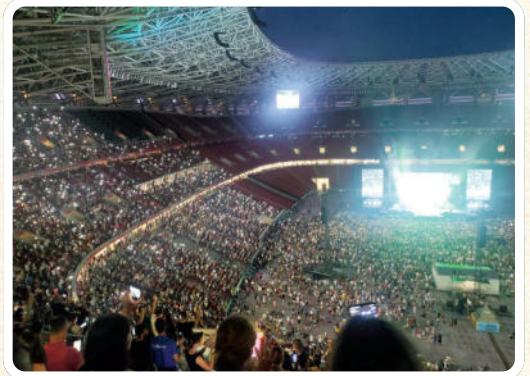


FOR A CROWN THAT IS IMPERISHABLE

This summer has been busier than most. Sometimes it can feel like we are on a runaway train, and we wonder where and when we get off, until we remember that Kingdom work is eternal. We run this race to receive a crown that is imperishable!

JUNE

In May and June, we had an unusual number of guest speakers visit our church. We don't usually plan to have more than one every couple of months to keep a certain continuity, but it seemed like Holy Spirit had other plans for us during June and July, and it was so interesting to see how everything spoken came together. We believe that God has brought into our lives a beautiful network that is important for the future of our ministry.



JULY

At the tail end of the flood of guest speakers Gateway Church invited us both to Budapest, Hungary for a time of fellowship, sharing and prayer with several key European ministers who all share a burden for seeing revival sweep Europe.

The very next week Bonnie was back in Budapest again with about half of the youth group for a Christian Music Festival featuring several renowned artists; Martin Smith, Michael W. Smith, Bethel Music, Planetshakers, etc. She returned to Zagreb and within hours was headed to Savudrija to set up for youth camp.





Our youth camp, "Izazov" almost doubled this year with about a third of the teens coming from unsaved, unchurched homes. The Holy Spirit moved from the very first night. Our leadership team spends months in advance in preparation, and one of the most important things that we do is seek the Lord in fasting once a week for the kids that will be attending. The first evening the Holy Spirit descended so strongly during the service that the nighttime hang out just didn't happen because most of the teens were being prayed for and ministered to.

During camp we had teens who were saved, made commitments to purity, delivered from practicing witchcraft. Some said that because of camp, they felt more at peace and began thinking about the consequences of their actions. It was an amazing, life-changing week.



AUGUST

Since the end of February, we've been caring for and ministering to a large group of approximately 80 refugees. In July and August, the number of refugees entering Croatia drastically fell and two of our refugees even decided to return to Ukraine. However, the need is still great. Most of the mothers that have arrived have found work and apartments for their families, however, they are functioning as single moms right now. President Volodymyr Zelinsky once again proposed an extension of martial law and general mobilization which will keep their husbands in Ukraine for another 3 months. With the kind of jobs available to these women, they are finding it impossible to make ends meet, and our church is helping them monthly with either rent, utilities and groceries or clothing.

During the summer many of our refugees enrolled in the language classes that we hosted for them free of charge. They have asked us to extend the classes throughout the fall and winter because they feel like they are truly benefiting from them. Thus, we will be continuing with the language classes once or twice a week and their children have enrolled in school which starts this month.

One additional initiative that has been on Mario's heart and we've been working toward is to purchase 10 laptops to give to each Ukrainian family, as needed. Most of the teens need them for school and some of the parents are finding them necessary for work but most have no computer.

Please continue to pray for our refugees, that the Lord would guide them and provide for their every need.

We would like to thank you for your generous, consistent support of our ministry. Changing the history of a people, of a nation is never done alone and you are a great part of what we are doing in Croatia. Together we run this race, pushing forward, defying the odds to receive a crown that is IMPERISHABLE.

Blessings,

Mario and Bonnie Dučić



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