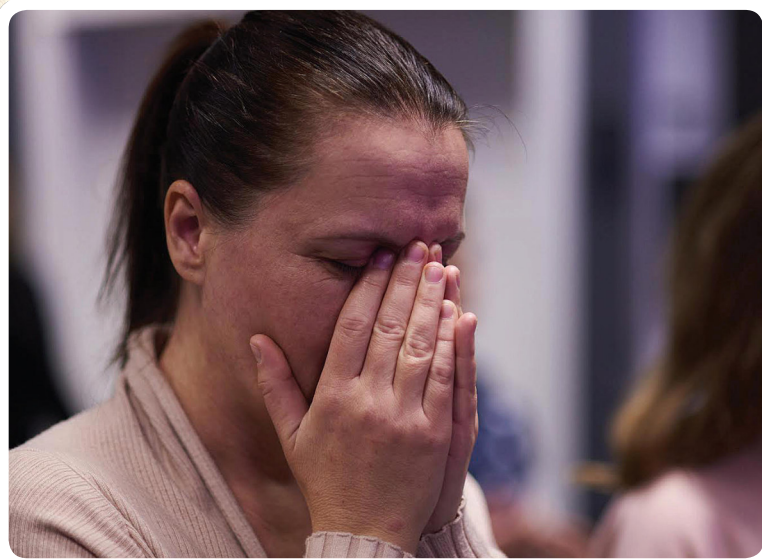




## FAITHFUL TO A THOUSAND GENERATIONS

**Deuteronomy 7:9** *Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.*

Sometimes it is hard to stay faithful. We do our best, but our minds are often attacked with thoughts of fear and doubt. Yet, he remains faithful to us. In this new year I would like to look back on how faithful our God has been to us!



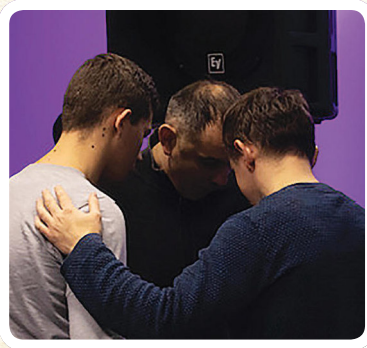
### OCTOBER

As we've mentioned in several of our e-mails and updates, our church was blessed above and beyond what we expected in 2021 with the purchase of our facility. We tried to believe. We confessed our faith in God's provision with our mouths and tried to believe in our hearts; but like the father who brought his son to Jesus for deliverance, we cried out to God: "Lord, help our unbelief." And despite our fears and doubts, He remained faithful and fulfilled his promises to us!

In October we celebrated the purchase of our facility with a weekend conference. The week of that conference we had several testimonies of healings among our congregation. On Friday the co-worker of one of our members attended and immediately came forward to accept Christ. On Sunday we had three or four commitments to Christ and one of our members was baptized in the Holy Spirit! Since the purchase

of our building, not a single Sunday has gone by that we haven't had a least one new person in attendance. It is like God is giving us a sign that he has given us the building and now he wants to fill it! Great is his faithfulness!





## NOVEMBER

Not only did God provide for our physical needs, but he also gave us wisdom and directed our path in developing a peaceful relationship with neighbors in our building. Directly above our facility is an apartment. Despite our adding extra insulation upon arrival and the fact that our service times are well within the house rules, this couple has complained regularly about the noise level, sent us threatening messages, and even called the police on us several times. In October, the very week of our grand re-opening, someone spray painted the windshield of our car while it was parked at the church, and the neighbor called the building manager threatening to murder him and Mario because of the noise level. Although we placed our trust in the Lord to be our protection and shield, thoughts of fear and doubt pervaded.

We tried talking to the neighbors to bring about a peaceful resolution but Sunday after Sunday someone from that apartment would pound on the floor for 10 minutes after worship. However, in his faithfulness the Lord reminded us that we are to return evil with good and bless our enemies. So we put together a gift basket with a small note of apology inside and left it in front of their door. Since that day there has been no more pounding, threats or even complaints. We have periodically checked in with them, they thanked us for the gift, and are satisfied that we are doing all we can to keep the noise level to a minimum. The Lord our God is the faithful God.

## DECEMBER

Once again, this year we partnered with Operation Christmas Child in hosting an evangelistic event for children from our city. This is always a favorite event for our church. This year we invited Gizmo (the superhero of CBN's animated series Super Book) to make a special appearance which was a huge hit with the children. But what truly made this year special was the fact that the young teenage girl who opened the event this year had been a recipient of a shoebox gift last year. She had been so moved by the entire program that she talked her mother into bringing her and her siblings back to church the following Sunday. This girl and her mother both gave their hearts to Christ, and the family has been attending our church ever since. He is faithful to a thousand generations!



## A WORD OF THANKS

We would like to express our thanks our supporters for their love and investment in our ministry last year. Through your help and by God's faithfulness we accomplished so much in 2021: the Gospel was preached, we have reached the lost, supported 3 missionary works (two in Croatia and one in Bosnia), aided those effected by the earthquake in Petrinja, put on both a summer and winter camp, and finally purchased our own church property! Without the generous help of our supporters, we would not be able to continue ministering in 2022. Would you consider being a new ministry partner or continue helping us with either monthly support or a one-time gift? Support in any form financially and prayer-wise helps advance the Kingdom of God in Croatia.

Thank you again for all of your prayer and support of our ministry. May the Lord richly bless you in 2022.

**Blessings,**

Mario and Bonnie Dučić



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