



## AWAKE AND ARISE!

*„Awake sleeper and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine upon you.” – Eph. 5:14*

It's easy to find ourselves just going through the motions of doing church when most things are done the same way each week. There is nothing wrong with doing things the same way; its logical, but from time to time we need to remind ourselves why we do what we do and cry out to God to awaken our spirit.

### DECEMBER



In December our church hosted its annual Operation Christmas Child Shoebox giveaway, and this year we had so many registered in advance that we had to close registration early due to a lack of space.

The children flooded in to meet the popular Superbook mascot, Gizmo and receive an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox. While they were there both parents and children heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. A couple of weeks later we hosted a second giveaway since we'd had to close registration early the first time. We wanted to make sure that everyone was given a chance to receive a package and hear the Gospel. Please continue to pray for those who heard the Gospel for the first time that God would awaken their hearts.

### JANUARY

A few months back in our monthly update we mentioned our good friend, Pastor Dario Kapin and his church in Zenica, Bosnia. In January we made the trip to Zenica for a conference with Foursquare churches from the Southeastern part of Europe. Dario has been praying and trying to raise enough funds to purchase two small facilities next to each other that he would be able to renovate and turn into a sanctuary, children's classrooms, and offices for his church. He has been able to raise enough for one of the facilities, and we visited it while we were there. It was such a monumental moment for Dario, and we rejoiced with him! There are only about 500 believers in all of Bosnia and he is truly making history in his city. He is now raising funds to renovate the facility he purchased so that he can use it for a sanctuary. Please continue to pray for him that he would see a true awakening in Zenica.



## FEBRUARY

Schools in Croatia have a second winter break during the last week of February which is the perfect time for a teen winter camp since snow usually falls quite a bit in February in Croatia. The theme of our winter camp this year was „Awakening “. Our leaders fasted and prayed for a true spiritual awakening to take place in the lives of the teens, and I truly believe it happened and is continuing in their hearts. The Spirit of God showed up during those days the strongest that I’ve ever experienced at a teen camp. We experienced physical healing, prophecy, deliverance, salvation, and rededication during the four short days we were there. Several of the teens came from unchurched homes, had attended our summer camp last year, and returned this year for the winter camp. God has continued to move in the hearts of many of those teens, and they definitely came home different than when they left.



## NEW RENOVATIONS

Many of you are aware that our facility is in a mixed complex of businesses and private apartments with whom, over the past several years, we have had various issues. The neighbors directly above us have complained about the noise level, and we have done whatever we are able to do to take care of the problem, however our next step is quite extensive and expensive! We will need to raise the drop ceiling in our auditorium and do extensive sound isolation. The cost of this work will cost between \$25-\$30,000. God has blessed us with each adaptation that we’ve needed to make in this facility. Please be praying with us, and we know that God will provide for this need, as well.



Thank you so much for your continued prayer and support. We pray that God will continue to awaken each of us as we walk daily with him. May we not remain spiritually dead; rather walk in the gifts that God gives us and share them with the world around us.

**Blessings,**

Mario and Bonnie Dučić



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