



## THE PRAYERS OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN

*Prayer lays hold of God's plan and becomes the link between his will and its accomplishment on earth. Amazing things happen, and we are given the privilege of being the channels of the Holy Spirit's prayer.*  
- Elisabeth Elliot

### SEPTEMBER

For over 20 years we have been crying out to God for growth and doing our best to help our church grow. Anyone that has ever pastored or done missions in Europe knows very well what a hard mission ground it is. We thought, „if only we could reach the 100 members mark, maybe our growth would take off.“ But to no avail.

However, since the purchase of our facility last fall, God began giving us at least one new visitor each week... In September we realized our church had almost doubled in size and it continues to grow each week. We had reached the 100 mark long ago and were so busy that no one even noticed!

We have also turned into a multicultural church with Croatian, Ukrainian, Korean, Serbian, American, French, and Filipino cultures represented. We are seriously talking about what strategy will be best for our church in going to two services on Sunday because we no longer have room to grow on Sunday mornings. What an awesome problem to have, right?





## OCTOBER

We organized our very first youth conference in October for teens and young adults 16 years and older. Our goal was to encourage teens, students, and young singles to seek God's purpose in their lives. We want to see them step out in courage and be filled with the Spirit so that they can impact their generation. We had two speakers: Rebeca de Batista who is the national leader for Foursquare Youth Portugal and on the board for Foursquare Youth Europe and Ivan Špoljarić who has been instrumental in ministry, media, and music in Rijeka and has helped churches throughout Croatia.

The conference was an amazing success! People came from all over Croatia and the presence of God was strong during each session. The feedback from the young people was more than we'd ever expected.

The conference also helped us to launch a new group for students and singles called Bez cenzure (No Censorship). Two of our newly married couples have taken over the leadership of that ministry and are doing a fantastic job!

## NOVEMBER

As of last month, we still had refugees arriving from Ukraine. Presently we are aiding approximately 120 refugees. We never dreamed we would be helping so many! Originally, we'd planned to only take on 60, but it is hard to refuse to help those in dire need. Our monthly budget is anywhere from 15 to 17 thousand dollars, so please keep us in prayer and most of all, pray for peace in Ukraine!



## OUR FAMILY...

is doing well. Luka is gearing up for his SATs and looking at colleges. Divna is enjoying learning more about photography, and she takes many of the photos you see from our church services on Facebook and Instagram each week. Vjera is truly enjoying her vocational high school for fashion design and our oldest, Filip, is busy learning German because he plans to continue his university studies in Germany. Isn't it amazing how quickly our children grow and mature?

We pray that you and your loved ones have a wonderful and blessed Christmas and may 2023 be filled with joy and peace.

**Blessings,**

Mario and Bonnie Dučić



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