



## INVESTING FOR THE FUTURE

"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down, and when you get up." Deut. 6:5-7

### JUNE

In May and June, we had student teams visiting our church from both Oral Roberts University and Christ for the Nations Institute. Both teams were an amazing blessing to our people. They served in children's and youth ministries, music, preaching, evangelism, and in preparation for our camps. However, student mission trips are not only about students coming to help the native ministries or missionaries on the field. These trips are just as much about allowing these students to step out in faith and minister, lead, hear the Holy Spirit, and follow Him. Many times, it is on trips such as these that students hear God and his calling for the first time. Student mission trips can be hard work and mean tons of preparation for both the school and the native church, but they are extremely important- investment for the future!



### JULY

In the first week of July, we hosted our first-ever children's camp, *Zakorači* (Step Out).

We were happy with the turnout and the results. We had some in attendance from unchurched homes, seeds were sown, and all the kids had a wonderful time. Some of our teens from *Camp Izazov* (Challenge) volunteered as counselors, they also lead workshops and games. It was so encouraging to see them putting into practice what they had observed and learned throughout their years at camp.

A week after the children came home from camp our student leaders headed off for 4 days of counselor training for youth camp. This year we had 5 student leaders in training. They don't simply learn leadership, rather we team them up with adult leaders to learn how to counsel and pray for teens, how to hear God, and step out in faith and courage and give words of knowledge, share testimonies from their life or whatever God has put on their heart.

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Youth camp was an incredible time. The theme for this year was "Sold Out" and we had several who came from unchurched homes. The third night an invitation was given for the teens to come forward if they wanted to follow Christ and the entire camp ran forward to the altar. On the fourth night, again without hesitation, the entire camp came forward in answer to a call for those who were seeking the filling and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Please continue to pray for those who made commitments to Christ at camp. Bonnie has begun recording the lessons from the youth group and uploading them to several social media platforms to help and encourage spiritual growth in those from unchurched homes who gave their lives to Christ at camp and are unable or not allowed to attend church.



Christ who is a licensed lawyer. She is not only able to teach and train them spiritually, but she is also able to help them professionally. We are so blessed by the love, faithfulness, and deep gratitude we see among our Filipino brothers and sisters.

## AUGUST

The Filipino population in Zagreb has grown drastically over the past year and a half and our church currently has over 25 Filipinos attending our Sunday services regularly. This is a group of people that has a whole set of different needs and problems than the average Croat and they asked for us to find someone in leadership that would be willing to work with them, care for them, and teach them from God's Word.

Most have not been back to the Philippines for several years and have been working in Middle Eastern countries (such as Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Dubai, etc. before making their way to Croatia. Most have come to Christ recently and need foundational teaching. We both prayed and asked the Lord to place this need on someone's heart and he did. Hana is a wonderful sister in

## Investing in Križevci and Koprivnica

For the past couple of years our church has been supporting two small church plants in Križevci and Koprivnica. Pastors Danijel and Alen have been working extremely hard to make an impact in their areas and grow their churches. Pastor Danijel's church has been a home group so far but he has found a small cafe that he is hoping to renovate and turn into a church facility for his small, yet growing congregation. Pastor Alen has been working on some improvements in their facility, as well. These men truly have a heart to impact their towns and further the Kingdom of God. If you would like to help us invest in what they are doing, we are trying to raise \$10,000 to help these churches grow, improve their facilities, and support their pastors monthly. Would you consider being a part of this project?

It has been a busy, yet effective quarter for us here in Croatia and we are so thankful for how you partner with us in your prayer and support to aid the furtherance of our ministry here. Let us continue together to seek His face and surrender our lives to His molding as the Holy Spirit continues His transforming work in our lives, churches, and cities.



**Blessings,**

Mario and Bonnie Dučić

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