



Croatian Evangelistic Outreach

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THE BREATH OF THE ALMIGHTY

The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life. - Job 33:4
It is tempting to observe places and events in which we obviously see God moving and try to evaluate what triggered that movement of God and strategize about how we can recreate that experience. This comes from a genuine desire to see God moving among us, however, the Spirit of God is the only One who can truly create and without the breath of the Almighty breathing upon us, whatever we try to recreate through our own strength and strategizing will not grow and succeed.

SEPTEMBER

At the end of September, we hosted a weekend conference entitled "Understanding the Supernatural". In Europe, people are skeptical about the supernatural and many don't understand the workings of the Holy Spirit or how to grow their faith. People tend to prefer logic and do everything themselves; the supernatural and Holy Spirit are often neglected. Mario met a brother in Christ, Jeffery Whiston, at a conference in early spring last year and invited him to speak at a conference for us. Since then, he has become a precious friend. Jeffery moves strongly in the gifts and manifestations of the Holy Spirit.

This conference was an amazing encouragement to our people. Many rededicated their lives to Christ, and several were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Some came to Christ for the first time and have continued attending. Looking back, this conference seemed to trigger something in the spiritual and push us to a new level of ministry.



OCTOBER

Our annual youth conference, Foniraj me (Phone me) is always held during the end of October. We were excited for the conference to see what God would do, but none of us could have even imaged what God did do with our youth through that conference.

During worship the second evening, the Holy Spirit's presence was so strong that we never got past worship. The young people spent 2 hours in worship on their knees, crying out to God. They publicly shared visions and prophecies God revealed to them during worship and testified about what God did in their hearts and how he changed them.



Many of them came forward for prayer and some were baptized in the Holy Spirit. This atmosphere flowed over into our Sunday morning service which started with worship that lasted for almost an hour!



Since then, our teens began designing a Gospel tract that would aid them in witnessing to their friends. We had them printed and with Zagreb being one of the most popular Advent destinations in Europe, Bonnie took them to downtown Zagreb for some street evangelism during the month of December.



NOVEMBER

With all of this new growth in a relatively short period of time, we needed to set up new strategies on how to minister, disciple and just generally keep track of new people. Mario decided to host a time of team building at a hot springs about an hour outside of Zagreb. We invited our precious friend and brother Jeffery Whiston back to help us with some of the teaching and to do some important team-building activities. Mario headed up an excellent brainstorming session on how to improve and minister more effectively. It was a wonderful day with plenty of free time for our leadership to enjoy fellowshiping together and build relationships which is so important.



DECEMBER

Since October, our church began growing not only through foreigners but also through Croatian people (which was an answer to our earnest prayers) and almost all our new people were new converts. We've watched with excitement as they've joined our new believer's class. Some of these new converts are young people ages 16-20 and Bonnie is finding it such a joy to work with them.

In December we also hosted our annual Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box event for kids. We love distributing Shoe Box gifts to children from unsaved homes and this event is one that we look forward to each year because it often brings us new people and opens the way for us to share the Gospel with them.

We would ask you to please continue to pray for all these new people that God would continue to work in their hearts and lives and that the cares of the world would not choke out the seed that has been planted in them. Please also continue praying for us that we would be good stewards of the new growth entrusted to us.

Thank you so much for your consistent prayers and support of our ministry. Without your partnership, what we have been doing here and what we've accomplished would be an impossibility. May the Lord bless you in this new year and strengthen you for new assignments that lie ahead.

Blessings,
Mario and Bonnie Dučić



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