



GROWING HEALTHY, GROWING STRONG

An old Chinese proverb says, „Be not afraid of growing slowly; be afraid only of standing still.” I’ve also heard it said that „Change is made of choices, and choices are made of character”.

For years it seemed like we were standing still, and when we began to grow, it happened so fast that we began to see the need to find ways to slow down so that our growth is done in a healthy way.

JANUARY

In January we hosted our second Foursquare Regional Conference in Zagreb at which 3 countries were represented: Croatia, Bosnia, and Macedonia. We got to listen to amazing testimonies about what God is doing in each country, and one miraculous thing stood out. In each of these 3 countries, at least 1 church has been able to purchase their own facility which is such an amazing breakthrough for our region! Croatia had 2 churches represented at the conference this year and a handful of people from east Croatia that are planting an International church. What an encouraging time it was for us to see how much God had led and expanded his Kingdom among us in just one short year!

As our church, CCE, continues to grow and as we add new members and home groups, we are also hard at work adding and training new people so that we can re-open our international service soon with an entirely new team of people and qualified licensed ministers to lead it.



We also widened our core leadership by adding two new deacons to our leadership team, a husband and wife team, Marko and Melita Vidmar. Marko heads up our financial team and usher’s ministry and has been highly instrumental in helping cultivate good relationships with the neighbors in our building. Melita heads up our church’s coffee bar and assists in our children’s ministries and kid’s camp. We are so grateful to the Lord for such dedicated servants who desire to serve with us in his Kingdom.

FEBRUARY

In February we were both invited to speak to over 400 youth gathered from 30 nations (including Croatia) in Dures, Albania. The response was more than we had expected. God mightily poured out his presence and many of the youth came forward to receive ministry, surrender their lives, and be baptized in the Holy Spirit.

God also did a powerful work at our winter camp in February as we decided to focus on “The Next Step”: How do we find our identity in Christ and overcome fear, anger, and bitterness?



Bonnie and her team organized workshops on conquering fears and overcoming anger and student leaders gave testimonies to the campers on how God had helped them overcome in these areas of their lives. One of our campers experienced transforming freedom from years of anger and bitterness and gave his testimony at church on how God has completely transformed his life since then.

Another of our campers was baptized in the Holy Spirit, and several of our other campers experienced breakthroughs from fear and anxiety.

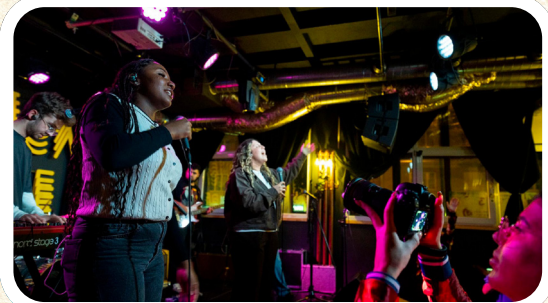
MARCH

Our church organized what we called "Youth Week" during the month of March. A group of students from Trinity Church in Dallas, TX came over on a missions trip and assisted us in putting on several activities for youth. We organized a concert in a popular venue downtown where our band, "Bez kompromisa", and Trinity's Youth band both played, their students shared testimonies on how God had transformed their lives, and invited people to give their lives to Christ.

This year we began hosting Business Breakfasts again - times of fellowship and encouragement for entrepreneurs and representatives of the business world, as well as for those who are interested in starting a business. In addition to



networking and gaining new business opportunities and connections, the discussions focus on conducting business according to Christian principles and the role of faith in business and public life. The breakfast times have been growing and this month we had 19 people in attendance!



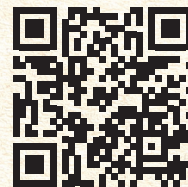
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Our church continues to grow, and God continues bringing us new converts through various immigrants and Croats from our city. We have gone from a time when we might go for six months to a year without seeing a new face in the congregation to the point that not a Sunday goes by without new visitors. We are growing so quickly that most of the chairs we added in the auditorium are full, our café/fellowship area is uncomfortably full, and we added 20 additional chairs, a TV and speakers to Mario's office and turned it into an overflow section for Sunday and it doubles as a second youth room on Wednesday nights.

One of our biggest problems is that we only have two bathroom stalls (one for men and one for women). With all these people, children and expecting mothers, it is a challenge, but God always has a solution.

The business that shares our floor is moving and selling their space. This would be a great opportunity for us to expand, moving our children and youth rooms over there and expanding our auditorium and café. That extra space also comes with more bathrooms! Of course, this next step does not come without investment. Just as God moved the hearts of our supporters before, and helped us buy our building, we are praying He will move on your hearts again and help us expand.

If you are willing to partner with us financially in purchasing this new space and expanding the Kingdom of God in Zagreb, Croatia, please scan the QR code and read more about that project on our website.



Blessings,

Mario and Bonnie Dučić

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