



BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAYS THE LORD

There was a time in Israel's history when the people had returned from Babylonian captivity and began rebuilding the temple. To the governor, Zerubbabel, the Lord spoke through the prophet Zechariah: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord. Every work to build God's Kingdom must rest on His strength, for "unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain."

APRIL

At the end of March through the beginning of April, a group of eight women traveled all the way from California to stand alongside us as we hosted our second women's conference, Take Your Wings. Last year, this gathering had been just a one-day event, but as we looked ahead, we felt a vision stirring to expand - two days instead of one, and multiple workshops to nourish the hearts of those who came.

The response exceeded anything we could have imagined. So many women registered that we found ourselves scrambling at the last minute to print more materials. The theme this year was Freedom, an invitation to discover inner healing and shake free from old chains of hurt and bondage.



On Saturday evening, as the final activity drew near, we gathered together, and as we began to pray, God's presence poured over the room in such a tangible way that time seemed to stand still. Many women stayed until midnight, hungry to receive every gift the Holy Spirit had for them. Even now, months later, women are telling their stories of lives transformed and hearts made whole.

MAY

In May, we celebrated baptizing 14 people in Lake Jarun, including five teenagers with powerful stories of deliverance from fear, depression, and anger. We're so proud of our youth and how they are seeking more of God.

Our church also had the privilege of opening our arms to pastors and leaders from across the continent as we hosted the Foursquare European Conference. Representatives from about fifteen nations gathered, their hearts united by the same longing - to see God move across Europe.

We met in a hotel nestled in Stubičke Toplice, a charming town in the rolling hills of Zagorije, about thirty-five minutes from our church. It was the perfect setting: peaceful, green, and ready to welcome so many voices lifted in praise.



From the very first song, you could sense that this was more than just an event. It was a glimpse of the bigger picture - a family that stretches far beyond any single congregation or country. Together, we worshiped, prayed, and believed for an outpouring of God's Spirit that would touch every corner of Europe.

It's gatherings like this that remind pastors and leaders, many of whom serve in small or isolated communities, that they are never alone. No matter how modest our churches may seem, we belong to something much larger - a family of faith that spans nations. And in that unity, there is strength and hope.



JUNE

In June, our Filipino leadership team launched the first CCE International Gathering, a place for internationals to worship in English, be encouraged, and share fellowship (with plenty of food!). Though many wondered if anyone would come, twenty people from across the world showed up - an amazing start to this much-needed ministry. Please pray this gathering will grow and bear fruit.

OUR FAMILY

This season has been full of new chapters for our family. Filip has finished his second year of Film Directing in Warsaw and is back in Croatia filming a project in Split. Luka completed his exams, started a summer job in Zagreb, and launched his own web design business. Divna is preparing for college in the fall, and Vjera will be a senior in high school.

They all remain closely involved in ministry, which is such a blessing. But Croatia's economic situation has become difficult since switching to the Euro - costs rose immediately while wages remained the same. We are trusting God for provision and praying for 10 donors willing to pledge \$150-\$200 monthly so we can continue the work He's called us to.



Would you stand in prayer with us for this? Your generosity and faithful support mean so much. We are truly grateful to have you as partners on this journey.



Blessings,

Mario and Bonnie Dučić

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