



LEAPS AND BOUNDS

Life (and might I dare say, the Church) leaps like a geyser for those who drill through the rock of inertia.
- Alexis Carrel

JULY

July began with our much-anticipated kids' camp in the beautiful "Zelena dolina". Every day was filled with creative workshops and fun on the playground, swimming, water slides, and evenings gathered around the campfire. At the heart of it all was learning about Christ's unconditional love and the truth of His Word. Faith came alive in so many beautiful moments. When heavy rain once threatened to cancel activities, the children prayed together — and the rain stopped! Another touching moment came when a boy began to feel unwell during a game; the others immediately stopped playing and prayed for him, showing such love and unity that reminded us all what true community looks like. On the final evening, during prayer and worship, many children opened their hearts in tears as they felt God's presence in a real and personal way and parents have let us know how much their kids loved camp and can't wait to return!



Later in July, our youth band No Censorship had the incredible honor of performing at a regional youth festival organized by churches and ministries from across the former Yugoslavian region; more than a thousand young people came together to worship, celebrate, and build lasting friendships.



For many Croatian youth, moments like this are rare — many have few Christian friends and have never experienced being surrounded by so many young believers. It was deeply moving to witness so many hearts touched and lives changed through the powerful presence of God.

AUGUST

August was filled with powerful testimonies from Camp Izazov, where God moved in amazing ways. On the very first night, a camper came forward for prayer. She was diabetic and showing early signs of leg ulcers — yet two days later, she joyfully called Bonnie to her cabin to show how the marks had faded from purple to pink!



Another young man shared that he had been the victim of a school stabbing months earlier. He had been struggling with depression and loneliness and didn't even want to come to camp — but his father insisted. On the second evening, he came forward for prayer, gave his life to Christ, and soon made new friends. He's now part of our youth group and growing in his faith!

Camp is instrumental in reminding youth that they are not alone in their faith but a part of a larger family of believers who stand with them. You can scan this QR code to watch a short 1 min recap video of our youth camp.



Later in the month, our church leadership team enjoyed a special day away for team building, fellowship, planning, and plenty of good food. As our church continues to grow, it's vital that our leaders grow together too. Strong relationships and open communication are key — because a healthy church family begins with a healthy team.

SEPTEMBER

September brought exciting updates about our church building project. Last year, we submitted an offer to purchase the offices across the hall from us, but another offer was accepted and the space sold. Although we're continuing to pray for God's timing regarding a possible purchase from the new owner in the future, in the meantime, we've begun working with an architect who has carefully evaluated our current facility and proposed creative expansion ideas. She identified two areas above the drop ceiling where we can build a second floor — adding over 120m² for youth and children's rooms, while also enlarging our sanctuary. She's also suggested ways to expand our café and improve our bathrooms.

During construction, we'll be upgrading insulation and ventilation to make the space more comfortable for everyone — and a little quieter for our neighbors, too!

The total projected cost for this construction phase is \$170,000, and we're thrilled to share that half of that amount has already been raised!

You can find more details and updates about the project on our website by scanning this QR code.



We're so thankful for everyone who continues to pray, give, and believe with us for what God is doing in this next season. May you be richly blessed!



Blessings,

Mario and Bonnie Dučić

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