



# The Johnny Leslie Family

## *Independent Baptist Missionaries to Croatia*

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Dear Fellow Laborers,

Greetings to you from New Mexico! Tori and I have been in the States for a month and half now. We've finally made it through jet lag; glad it's over. Everything seems so big in America compared to our little Croatia. I think we are in culture shock; the cars are bigger, the roads are bigger and the stores are bigger.

On January the 4th we got to see our baby girl get married to Jared Dye. The wedding was beautiful and I'm so glad the Lord allowed us to be home and to be a part of it. Tori and I are proud of Jared and Hannah and believe they will keep the Lord first in their lives. The month of December was spent helping Hannah and Jared get ready for their special day but we were also able to visit several churches and report on the work in Croatia.

Now that the wedding is behind us we are in full swing with our furlough. Almost every date from now until we go home is filled. Tori and I are trying to get in to churches that we haven't been in for awhile. It is a joy to get reacquainted with so many that we haven't seen for some time. Many have stood with us for years as we've labored in Croatia; what a privilege for us to see folks still faithful to their local church and to get reacquainted with them.

The work in Croatia is doing well in our absence. I've got several reports that the services are being blessed. Brother Sam Ward is preaching for me while I'm in the States and Brother Rajko Telebar is teaching our adult Sunday school. Tori and I miss our people and can't wait to return home. It is good to know that the work is in faithful hands while we are here.

On the last Sunday we were in Croatia we had one saved! After the services one of our men told me that his son felt conviction during the preaching and told his daddy he wanted to be saved. Brother Jurica is a faithful man and is a first generation Christian. After he and his wife got saved they both became faithful to the church. Their boy Luka is 8 and has been coming since he was 4 or 5 years old. Luka, his daddy, and I went upstairs after church and he got gloriously saved! What a great joy it was to this preacher to be a part of that special day. The smile on his daddy's face was simply priceless!

The translation efforts continue on while I'm in the States. Brother Rich continues to work on the "Hope" program and very soon we will start formatting and getting it ready to use upon our return to Croatia. Good, godly literature is so needed in Croatia. At the present, there are three Independent Baptist churches and very little literature that we can use. I'd like to thank each of you who support the translation effort; thank you for understanding that this truly is a great need for the Croatian people.

As I close I want to thank all of you who pray and support our ministry. In our travels, I've already met some senior saints who came to me and said they pray for us weekly. It means a lot to know that there are people who are praying for this ministry.

Because He lives,

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