



The Johnny Leslie Family

Independent Baptist Missionaries to Croatia

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Dear Fellow Laborers,

Greetings from Vularija, Croatia! It is so good to be home. Tori and I made it back safely and have hit the ground running! We thought we were busy with all the travelling and preaching in America but that now seems like a walk in the park; it has been a whirlwind here! **Our people missed us, and we missed them, we're glad to be home.**

The church in Varaždin was **packed our first Sunday back**, and even though I preached with jetlag, **I really felt the power of the Holy Spirit**. On that first Sunday, a visitor named Anastasia came to church for the first time. She is a student at the university and was the visitor of a young man in our church. She listened so carefully as I preached. When I began the invitation, **she raised her hand that she needed and wanted to be saved**. Anastasia did not come forward during the invitation; however, at the end of the service I walked up to her and ask her if she would like to be saved. Anastasia could not answer yes because **she began to weep**; she simply nodded yes to me and I had Ljubica take her to a room and talk with her and a little while later she came out smiling! **It was evident she had been born again!** What a way to come back to Croatia!

While I was gone Brother Rich, the national pastor, taught my Adult Sunday School class. Upon arriving home, I told him to teach the first Sunday to give me time to adjust. His lesson was good and **filled with power**. It was so good that I asked him to continue and finish First Peter. Men have poured their lives into me and **I've poured my life into him**. What a blessing to know the years of laborer has paid many dividends!

We also started our children's ministries back up in the Gypsy village. **Brother Sam did a good job** keeping a presence there and working with our children 11 and down. Tori and I were able to start the teen meeting back up on Sundays and as before, the little shipping container is packed! **We are out of room**, and many times people are forced to stand outside. We've been in this village now for over three years and have prayed long and hard about what to do. **God, who is a prayer-answering God, has opened a door before us!** The president of the village is wanting to sale the land, a good size house and the shipping container, where we are currently meeting. He is including a small house that would be perfect for Brother Krešo to live in and be the grounds keeper. **All of that would cost us \$25,000 dollars!** I began to pray and ask God what we should do and last week as I was driving home, I began to pray, "Lord **I want to live by faith**, but I need you to show me what to do". A few hours later, I **received an email that someone sent us \$5,000** to be used for the ministry as needed! **Wow, what a God we serve!** We moved that money into a fund we are calling Gypsy Building. **We only need \$19,000** more and we will have room to really do something with these children. This will double our auditorium space and give us a few classrooms. Also, it will cut down the distractions by putting us inside a house. **Would you please consider helping** with this great need? We have prayed for three years now, and feel God is now opening a great door before us. **If you would like to help, please send your gift marked, "Gypsy building"**. I truly believe God is in this and when God leads, God always provides!

As I close, **I want to say thank you** for your faithfulness! We've been here for 19 years and we know that we have been able to continue preaching and witnessing because so many of you are faithful to give and pray! Thank you.

Because He lives,

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Basement room, the wall will be knocked out and we'll use it for an auditorium.



Back side of house. The little red building is where we are currently meeting



Yard with outhouse. I'm not cleaning it!



Front of house!