

# the Winkler family CROATIA



*To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light...that they may receive forgiveness of sins... Acts 26:18*

Dear Prayer Partners,

August 2023

Greetings from northern Croatia! This summer we've had more rain than usual, but we've also had lots of sunshine. The rain and the sunshine are both needed and we thank God for them.

## **"IT'S A GOOD DAY"**

Dubravka is one of several people at church currently struggling with health issues. Her many health needs caused her to miss a lot of church for a couple months. Recently she has been able to consistently be in the services. Many times she arrives discouraged, but the hymns and the message always minister to her heart. This past Sunday she was excited when she walked in the church doors. With a smile on her face she declared, **"It's a good day. I'm so happy"**. She told us how she had been at the doctor during the week and had given him a Bible. He was appreciative and expressed great pleasure in the gift. Dubravka also made sure to invite him to church. It was a joy to see how God encouraged her heart when she took her eyes off of her own problems and cared about someone's spiritual need.

## **VISITORS**

It's been exciting to have several guests in our services this summer. One week we had a missionary family from Serbia, along with a couple Serbian men that were visiting Croatia. Another week we had a young man visit from Oklahoma. He was a summer intern with the missionary in Zagreb. Samuel recently visited our church and has returned a couple times. He came here from Nepal to work. We are seeing more and more people from Nepal in our area. As far as we know they do not speak Croatian and their English is very difficult to understand. We are actively working on getting some tracts here for them so they can read the Gospel in their language. Alise was a visitor all the way from Canada. She came to Croatia to be part of the international Opera that was held in our city of Varaždin. Attending church was important to her, so she looked online for a Baptist church and found ours. It's always a blessing to have visitors at church.

## **TRANSLATION PROJECT UPDATE**

In our last letter we told you about the mini-book *done* that is being translated into Croatian. We are happy to inform you that the first step of the translation is done. Right now we have people proof reading the translation. These projects take time so we ask you to be in prayer during this process. Lord willing it will keep moving forward and we will have the Croatian translation available to use in the near future.

In closing I want to thank you again for your prayers and support. Sometimes the words thank you written at the end of an update just doesn't seem to express how grateful we are. May God greatly bless you for your faithful prayer and financial support.

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