



# The Johnny Leslie Family

## *Independent Baptist Missionaries to Croatia*

November & December 2020

Dear Fellow-Laborers,

Merry Christmas from Croatia! This has been a crazy, turbulent year! Over the last few weeks Croatia has gone back to a partial lockdown; they are allowing churches to be open, but we can only have 15 in our Varaždin building and 10 in our Roma building. We have also had to cancel all the children's ministries for a little while. All of this has made ministry a little challenging. Tori and I have stayed busy taking care of one another; she had surgery not too long ago and I just recovered from Covid-19.

Although the year has been difficult, God has showed up time and time again. He has been so good and faithful to bless even during the storms. Just a few weeks ago I saw a teenage girl saved after one of our meetings in the village. We get weekly and sometimes daily requests for Bibles and they are being sent all over Croatia and Europe. It is wonderful to know that all things work together for good! Through this crazy time, it seems as though our influence among many Croatians has increased. We continue to see an increase in the traffic and views from our church live stream and many watching the services have requested Bibles and more information. What Satan meant for evil our God means for good!

In November we finally received our container of 24,500 Bibles! Many of our people came as we worked together unloading the container, what a joy it was to unload those Bibles! It was a battle getting them through customs and delivered to us, but in the end, God showed up and they are safe in Brother Ron's garage. We have already begun distributing them and look forward to an ease of the COVID-19 restrictions so that we can once more hit the streets with God's Word and get a Bible into the hands of the Croatian people!

Brother Rajko continues translating material for our online Bible college and we already have several young men interested in taking the classes. This project requires a lot of work, time, and resources, but I believe it will be used greatly in reaching future generations of the Croatian people for Christ. Please continue to pray for funds for this project. As many of you know, Bro Rajko Telebar was the main translator on the Bible project and as it has been finished many have stopeed giving to the Bible project which is understandable. Brother Rajko has been with me for 20 years, 13 of those years were spent translating the Bible. Now that the Bible project is finished, I have Bro Rajko translating material for the online Bible college. He has been a faithful brother and fellow-laborer and has been providing for his family through these efforts. Tori and I are offsetting the funds that are missing so that he can continue in the Lord's work. If you would like to help, please send a gift to our ministry marked translation. When we came to Croatia 20 years ago there was not a good Bible, song book, or a good Gospel tract; now we have all three thanks to Brother Rajko Telebar. Thank you all who have given and prayed for him and this ministry.

As I close, Tori and I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas! We want to thank you for your faithful financial support even in this uncertain time. We are grateful that you are faithful to the Lord and that He and His work are important to you. **We will be taking a furlough** from May to October 2021. If you need or would like us to report, please contact me via e-mail: [croatia4christ@gmail.com](mailto:croatia4christ@gmail.com) or call 817-405-2619; just remember we are 7 hours ahead of Central Time if you plan to call. God bless you all!

Because He lives,  
*Johnny Leslie*

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