



# The Johnny Leslie Family

## *Independent Baptist Missionaries to Croatia*

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Dear Fellow-Laborers,

Greetings from a locked down Croatia! I mentioned in our last letter that Croatia went into a lockdown just before Christmas. We were told then it would be for a few weeks, now we are going on two months. This has made the ministry a little difficult. Many of our normal outreaches have been put on hold for now. We are still not able to meet with the children, and there are still restrictions on the amount of people we can have in the building at once; it's certainly frustrating. We pray that soon these lockdowns will be lifted, and we can get back to ministering as before.

Although it has been challenging - God is still God, God is still good, and God still has a plan. He is still working in Croatia and we are grateful! Just a few weeks ago we saw two baptized; that's a big decision among our people and we never take it lightly. Many times, when one decides to be baptized, family will disown them, and friends will mock them. For many, the decision to be baptized requires boldness and a step of faith! We rejoiced to see Radovan and Silvania baptized; they were both saved about a year ago and finally decided to follow Christ and make their decision public!

Our sermons are still being livestreamed and people are responding. A few weeks ago, a young man who is very Catholic called me and wanted to talk about the sermon he heard, via the internet. He has since called me several times and I have given him a clear presentation of the gospel. He still has not been saved but he has heard the gospel! There have been others who have called, and I've witnessed to them as well.

Many Bibles have been sent out all over Europe. We are receiving orders weekly and are amazed at the good responses we've received. When we started translating the Bible, I never thought that the response would be this positive. The Word of God is now in the homes of many and there is no telling what fruit that will come from it. As I look back, I rejoice at the goodness of God, who let me have a small part in getting His Word to the Croatian people!

As I close, I want to thank all of you for your prayers and faithfulness; because of you, Tori and I can stay in Croatia and be a light in this dark place.

Because He lives,

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