



CROATIA FOR CHRIST



**As spring has arrived and nature is awakening,
our churches are actively preparing
camps and outreach events to share the Gospel.**

**In the past few weeks we have been remembering and
celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Savior and
sharing the joy of new life in Christ with many
non-Christians through various outreach events.**

EASTER IN VARAŽDIN CHURCH

In Varaždin Church we rejoiced together at Easter, inviting people from the community to the children's Easter lesson, to join us for lunch after worship on Palm Sunday and special Easter worship service with American missionaries who came to serve with us at the Spring Camp.



James Nored telling the Easter story to kids with Željka translating

It has been a great blessing to work together again with our partners James Nored and his team from Next Generation for Christ on events at the church and preparations for the Spring Camp as well as enjoying James' preaching on Sunday.



Varaždin Church children's minister Vlatka with kids doing Easter craft

The kids lesson on the topic of Jesus' resurrection was one of the most joyful events at the Church, with many parents from the community bringing their children to learn about God.



On Palm Sunday the church gathered to share a meal with our brothers and sisters, inviting non-christian friends and treating our American guests to our traditional meal - the roasted pig.



The church roasting experts did a great job preparing the pig and our sisters made delicious side dishes and desserts.



Stephen Kell, from Care Church in Richardson, Texas, blessed us with a great sermon at Varaždin Church on Easter Sunday. We are excited that he is joining us as our guest preacher for the five-day Spring Camp at the coast as well.



Jura Lazar and Mladen Dominić with Stephen Kell on Easter Sunday

TRIP TO USA - JURA AND ŽELJKA

Jura Lazar, C for C board member on site and Željka Vuk, our executive manager, spent three weeks visiting USA in January.



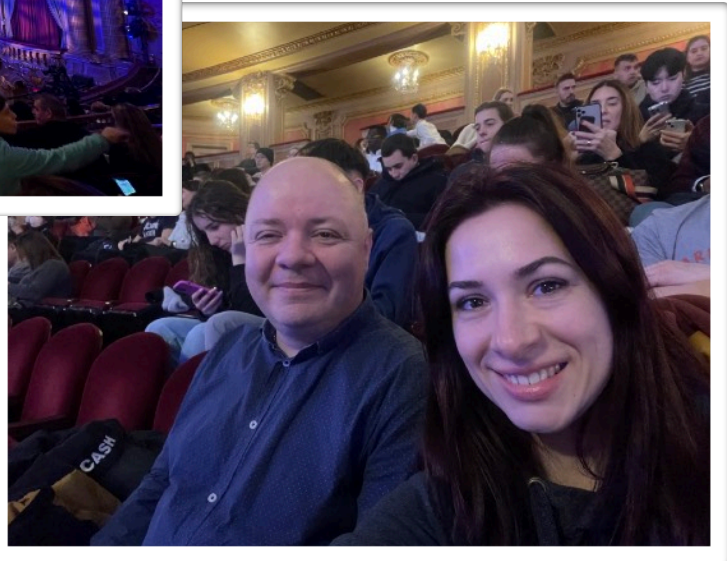
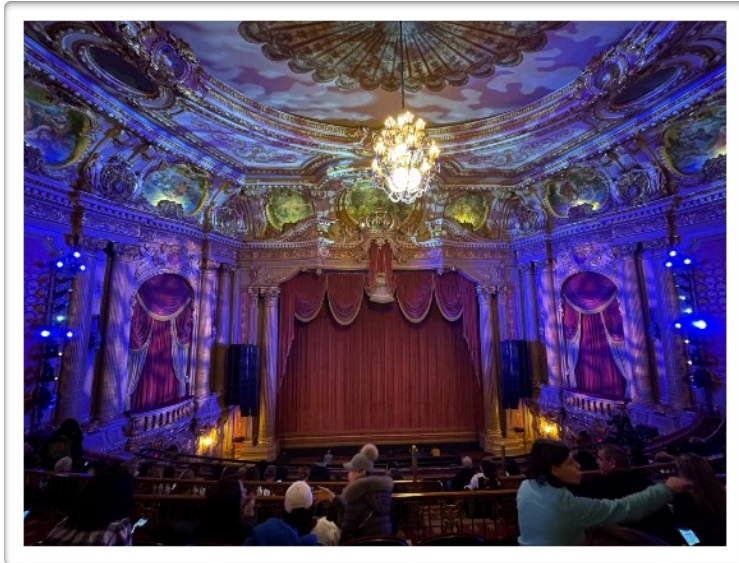
It was a blessed time meeting the managing board, partners, churches, individual brothers and sisters and sharing updates about our current work and upcoming new projects.

We also enjoyed spending a few days in New York with Jura's sister and her family, who live there.

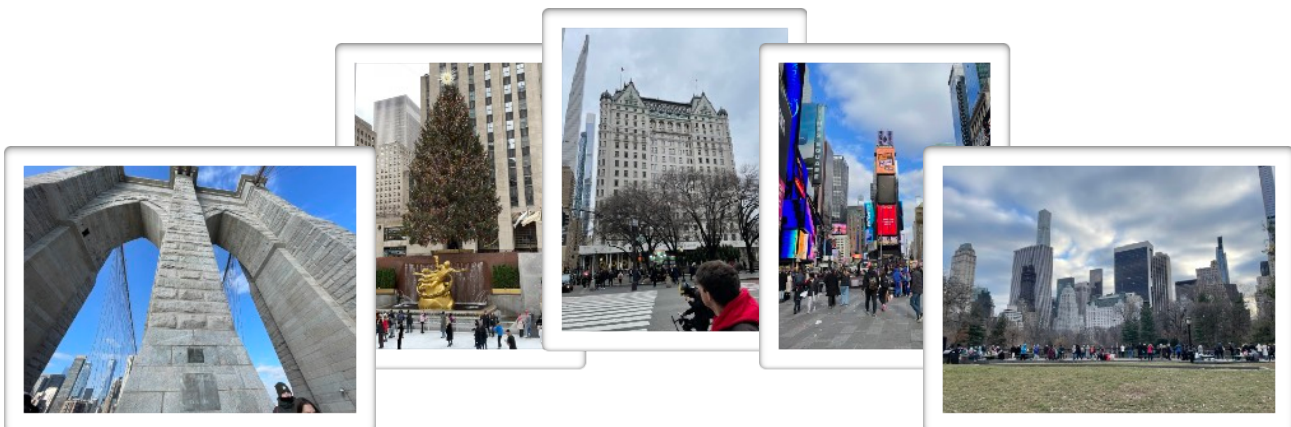


Jura with his sister Ivana picking us up at the airport

This was Željka's first trip to the US, so sightseeing was very exciting for her. Jura has been there thirteen times and he got to be the tour guide.



The first Sunday we visited Times Square Church and worshiped in their beautiful building, which used to be an old theater.



After a few days of family time and sightseeing, we flew to Texas.

**In Waco, Texas, we had a productive meeting
at Crestview Church of Christ
with our managing board and US representatives.**



**Crestview Church of Christ sent the first missionary couple
to Croatia (Yugoslavia at the time) in 1968. As a result,
today we have churches all over Croatia worshipping
the Lord and sharing the Gospel.**

**For this reason and their faithful support of our ministry it is a
special honor to announce that Crestview Church of Christ
has taken over the spiritual oversight and
guidance of Croatia for Christ ministry.**

**The spiritual oversight has transferred from the
Bammel Church of Christ with written consent
from both church elderships welcoming this transfer.**

**We are thankful to the Bammel Church of Christ for their
spiritual oversight of our ministry in the past years.**

During the meeting, leaders from Crestview Church, Faron Kincheloe and Scott Tally were voted onto managing board.



Faron and Scott serving at the camp in Croatia last year, with Željka translating

We were blessed last year to have both Faron and Scott come to serve with us at the Summer Camp with their team from Crestview.

We are looking forward to Faron visiting our local churches later this month along with other board members. Scott is joining us this summer with his youth team, to serve at the Summer Camp.



We were honored to be guests at Crestview Church on Sunday, when we worshiped with our brothers and sisters, shared about our work and Jura gave communion thoughts.

In Austin, Texas, we met with several partners and brothers and sisters sharing news from the ministry and the Varaždin Church.



With Geary and Jennifer Meixsell, who served on mission trips in Varaždin



With Mary and David Culp, who served on mission trips in Varaždin

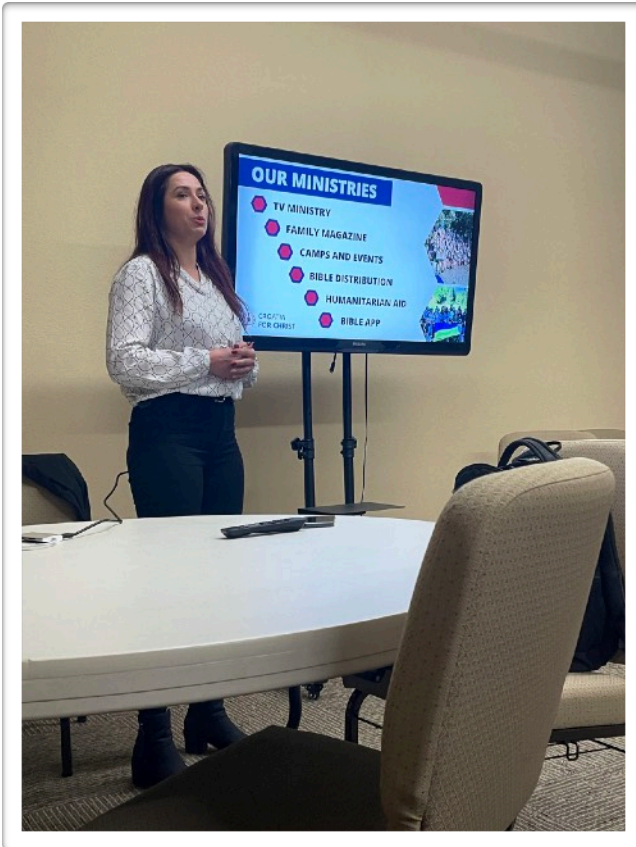


With our partner and friend Bruce Black from the Flow Foundation



With Kendall Wilds, who served on mission trips in Varaždin

We were warmly welcomed by the Marble Falls Church of Christ's brothers and sisters and the mission committee as we shared news about our work in Croatia.



Željka presenting
the work of our ministry



Jura with Mrs. Gale Cole

Jura, who is now working as the regional director for Central Europe with Eastern European Mission, was especially glad that he got to see Mrs. Gale Cole, wife of one of the founders of EEM.

We are thankful for our partnership with EEM, through which we are successfully distributing free copies of the Bible in Croatia and the surrounding countries.

In Oklahoma, we had a blessed time with our US representative Kyle Thomas and his wife Shelly.



The Park Church of Christ in Tulsa, Oklahoma welcomed us at their worship service as well as organized a gathering for their members to come and meet us. Even though the temperatures were freezing, we were warmly welcomed by many of our brothers and sisters.



It was a special honor for Jura to give communion thoughts on Sunday.

We got to try target practicing and shoot at a range during our time in Oklahoma and Texas, which is a unique experience because in our culture it is not common for most people to have a gun.



Željka shooting in Oklahoma for the first time

Jura shooting in Texas, he already had experience in shooting

On our way from Tulsa to Dallas, our friends Scott and Sonya Young kindly invited us to be their guests for the night. They are our friends from the Euro-American Retreat in Rothenburg, Germany, which we look forward to attending each year.



In Dallas, Texas, we stayed with our dear friends Mike and Cathy Ratcliff who welcomed us into their home. They introduced us to their home group where we shared about our work.



We got to meet with the preacher Gordon Dabbs and his wife Ila from Prestoncrest Church of Christ, who came to serve during our Summer Camp at the coast last year. We also enjoyed meeting their elders and sharing about our work.



We are excited that on this trip we found a preacher for our next Summer Camp in August, at the Croatian coast. Seth McDowel from Shawnee Trail Church of Christ in Texas is coming with his family to serve at the camp.



Seth has already booked the flights and we started working on the camp program. He will be preaching on the topic of the Armour of God during seven days of camp and we are all looking forward to the blessed time we will have together.



In McKinney, Texas our friends Mike and Cathy Ratcliff took us to see Adriatica Village, a place built as a replica of a site on the Island of Brač, Croatia. It's architecture creates a feeling of being in Croatia in the middle of Texas. Amazing!

Our last days on the trip were spent in Washington D.C. with our partner James Nored from Next Generation for Christ and his family, visiting our US representative Paul Wert, as well as other friends, supporters, church members interested in coming to serve at our camps and potential partners.



Jura and Željka with the Nored family



At Tanya Aldave's house meeting friends and church members



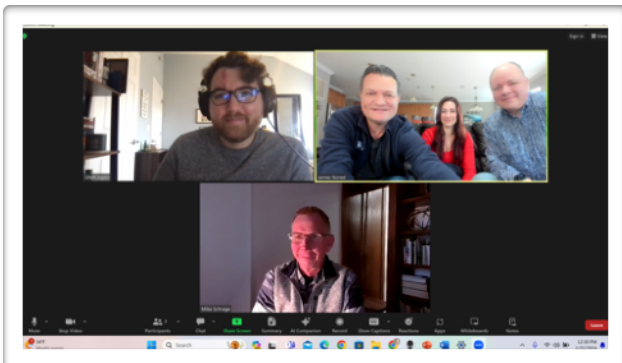
Meeting friends and church members interested in our work



With church members interested in our work



With the Noreds and their home group



Connecting with potential partners from GNPI ministry

TV MINISTRY

Croatia for Christ ministry is continuing to broadcast two seasons of Bible episodes of our own production all over Croatia. At the same time, we are producing the third season of this show, which will be ready for broadcast in the fall.

We currently finished filming episode number 27 of the new season, which means that more than half of the season's weekly episodes are finished.



Our videographer Krešo filming illustration shots for our episode “What is Church?” during worship service in Varaždin



Željka doing street interviews asking Biblical questions in Varaždin

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION - BIBLE STORAGE

Through our partnership with Eastern European Mission we continue to distribute Bibles and Bible-based materials in Croatia and the surrounding countries. Because of the growing needs of this partnership, the Varaždin Church has begun construction of a storage room. Our ministry is helping support this project with donations.



The construction work is almost complete and after putting in shelving and furniture, we will be able to store Bibles for distribution and stop paying for previously rented expensive storage space.

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION - LADIES BREAKFAST

In March, we distributed Bibles and other Bible-based materials provided by our partners Eastern European Mission at an event in Varaždin, called Ladies Breakfast. This is a bi-yearly event where christian women from several churches gather and invite their non-christian friends to attend.



The distribution was very successful and we collected contacts who wanted extra copies of the Youth Bible. The Children's Bibles and new editions of the New and Old Testament coloring books were also very well received.



BIBLE APP

After completing the project of recording the audio Bible and implementing it into our app Biblija SHP (Contemporary Croatian Translation), we started a new project of adding several new features and improvements to the app.



In this quarter, we successfully recorded introduction chapters for each book of the Bible. The introduction chapters were not initially included in the project of recording the audio Bible because they are explanations and not actually a part of the Bible. We decided to add this based on the feedback that we received from our users.



Mr. Dubravko Sidor, radio speaker who did the voice recording of the audio Bible

We are starting the next steps for this project of improvements for the Bible app, which will include putting audio in the reading plan, web version of the app, login option, verse of the day and other features.

Another new project we are starting is promotion events for the Contemporary Croatian Translation of the Bible and the app. The events will be held in several cities around Croatia and organized in cooperation with Theological School in Osijek, the Bible Institute in Zagreb and local churches in Croatia.

We have already established cooperation on this project with Goran Medved, the main translator of the Old Testament to contemporary Croatian. He will give lectures on the topic of different translations of the Bible and present the Contemporary Croatian Translation on which he was also the main editor.



Jura with Goran Medved

Promotion events will be open to the public, with a diverse program combining lectures, presentations and demonstrations of the Bible app. Also part of the program will be Bible reading and distribution of print copies of the Bible in Contemporary Croatian Translation provided by our partners, Eastern European Mission.

**REQUEST FOR PARTNERSHIP WITH
CROATIA FOR CHRIST Inc.**

If you decide to start supporting Croatia for Christ Inc. ministry, you will be directly funding our TV/VIDEO ministry, production and distribution of our “Family magazine”, annual gatherings, children and youth camps, distribution of Bibles and our Smart phone Bible app.

Our goal is to help raise visibility, encourage and provide contacts to all local Churches of Christ in Croatia and neighbouring countries.

By helping our budget you are helping all the Churches in Croatia.

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www.croatiaforchrist.com

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We are thankful for your support !!!

If you would like to know more about CfC ministry or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the president of our ministry, Mr. Robert Owens from Bammel Church of Christ, Houston, TX.

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in His service,

**Jura Lazar
Member of The Managing Board**

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**Željka Vuk
Executive Manager**

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