

Mercy & Grace

To Croatia

. . . *thou art a gracious God, and merciful* . . . (Jonah 4:2)

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When God opens the door ...

Dear Friends,

This summer has been our busiest since arriving in Croatia! In August we *will celebrate seven years of ministry on the field!* The evangelistic campaign in May was well attended with first time visitors. Our family and a young lady distributed 300 invitations. No one made a public profession of faith but we have seen a visitor return to services.

June and July Kristina and the kids worked to finish their school year. Kevin worked at the camp with a national church planter. He has been a great source of encouragement with language skills as well as his faith in the Lord and passion for the gospel.

Camp was a record year with 48 campers, one third of whom were unchurched. In all, thirteen made a profession of faith! Equally impressive was how willing the teens were to assist the leaders in every task while being good role models for the pre-teens. The campers were equal in number of teens and pre-teens. Next year we are already planning for two weeks of camp locally and are expecting other groups to come as well. Praise the Lord for the generous gift from Napa Valley Baptist in California which helped to pay for much needed materials and labor costs.

We are grateful for how often we have the opportunity to share the gospel in a close and meaningful way. A **door of opportunity was opened** when one neighbor helped with our grapevine since we know very little about caring for grapes. Marijan recognized the passage when Jesus compared our relationship to Him as the only True Vine. We all understand that passage better than we did before. Marijan listened to the verse: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends (John 15:13)."

Please continue to pray for souls to be saved and count on us to faithfully sow the seed of the gospel broadly trusting God to give the increase.

Your ministry extension in Croatia,

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