

CROATIA

Dear Friends and Family,

You encouraged us as we prepared for our service overseas. You supported us while we ministered in Croatia. Now, we want to share with you all the Lord did through us.

Thank you for your support and keeping us uplifted in prayer while we served in Croatia. More importantly, let me ask you to continue to lift up our missionary family, who continues to spread the gospel in Croatia. It was awesome to be able to partner with them while our ministry team (Jeffrey Walsh, Matthew Larkin, Jedidiah and Traci Crouse, Damaris Aaron and Peter Larsen) was on the ground, but upon returning home, it became glaringly obvious that our two weeks were a mere drop in a bucket in the ever-growing timeline of the Croatian ministry.

Praise God for being able to finish a building project and hold a dedication service for two homeless folks in Croatia. Please be in prayer for them as they learn to trust God for their provisions and seek to find community.

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has



no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,’ but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead” (James 2:14–17, NIV).

Praise God for the opportunities to interact with the children from Nova Budućnost, which means “New Future.” It was a joy to be able to love on these children at the seaside and through a clown workshop. We were also able to bless their caretakers. Please pray for opportunities for future partnerships with this home for children.

Our ministry team spent four days in Samobor. Two of these days were devoted to walking through the streets of Samobor, sharing Bible tracts to those in vehicles. Please continue to pray that the Lord will provide opportunities for these seeds of truth to be planted, cultivated and harvested.

One of the coolest opportunities Jed Crouse had in Croatia was using his gift of clowning at the largest hospital in Zagreb, the capital city of Croatia. He partnered with the Red Nose Doctors to provide smiles in the midst of patients’ hospital stays. Our prayer is that

none of the children seen that day are still in the hospital and that Jed’s time with the Red Nose Doctors would provide future opportunities to minister together.

Again, please be in prayer for our ministry leaders as they continue to live well in the city that God has called them to.

“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people — for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:1–4, NIV).

May the seeds planted during this mission trip now be watered until they grow into maturity, and may the Lord continue to bless our Croatian missionaries as they serve him faithfully.



(Missionaries’ names are being withheld by ACGC World Outreach Office for security reasons. For this purpose, we ask that you please not share this publication on social media.)

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PRAYER & PRAISE

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“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!”
(1 Chronicles 16:34, ESV)

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PRAY

1. For the Senior Staff as they look into venues for the 2019 AC Leaders' Conference and the 2020 ACGC Triennial Convention.
2. For the approval of the new curriculum at Oro Bible College (Philippines) to be implemented in June 2018, for more students, for the various programs and for provision for funds to meet Oro Bible College's budget.
3. With Kimon and Chin Lee Nicolaides (church planters in Honolulu, Hawaii) for a suitable house facility for holding regular worship services, preferably one that could later be converted to a manse or church building.
4. For the safety and good health of missionaries Jefferson and Penny Vann as they travel to the AC Japanese Conference for speaking appointments during the first two weeks of November. The Vanns will be attending the Japanese Conference Convention meetings while in Japan. Please be in prayer for the meetings.
5. For the Oxford AC Church's Mexico mission trip. They will be going to San Felipe at the end of November to serve the community in various ways — evangelism, construction and prayer.

6. For the recovery in the rural areas of Haiti after the hurricanes that passed on the northern shores of the island.
7. For our mission staff members and for those at ACGC who help in many ways to facilitate our world outreach office, such as finance, IT support and communications.
8. That the Burundi Conference leaders can continue to visit and help Ruyigi with the new churches. Land has been purchased to build new churches.
9. For healing for Brother Jean-Claude Dorsainvil's eyes. He is visually impaired. He is currently blind in his left eye and has to use a special bezel in his right eye to read or write.
10. The Justice of the Peace and the Regional Attorney for Justice has asked the Haiti Conference to continue quickly with the rest of the construction to protect their land. Some of the construction completed by the Vernon AC Church in 2016 has been destroyed by thieves. The Conference is trying to find a lender for the needed funds. Please pray with them for the completion of this building to help secure their land.

PRAISE

1. After Director Bryce Whiting and Dr. Cynthia Lee's trip to Mozambique, the World Outreach office received a "thank you" note from Conference President Augusto that stated: "The following week, after their [Whiting and Lee] departure, the Conference received 16 people who surrendered their lives to God. Praise the Lord for these two servants of the Lord and to all of our supporters who made this trip possible." Give praise for all that was accomplished on this trip and for these new believers.
2. The Lord for the members of the Burundi Conference who came to Christ during a crusade in Makamba.
3. God for other new believers in Burundi — over 85 have come to know Christ and five conference members have renewed their faith in him.
4. The Lord for the work of Pastor P. Lawrence of the Fellowship of Blessed Hope Churches in India. He is now conducting four outreach programs regularly and holding Sunday services in two different places. Baptisms are taking place within his ministry and he is concentrating on new ministry locations.
5. God for the tremendous ministry that Pastor Ahaj Kumar Pani and his team of

four pastors and two male and three female "missionaries" (Ministry Partners of Yesuway Jeevan Mission) as they preach and teach in the Jharsuguda District of the State of Odisha in India. They are taking the gospel to the very poor, un-reached areas and often the people in the villages have never heard of Jesus Christ.

Please pray for the following ACGC Directors' and Coordinators' Activities

Meredith Broadway, *Coordinator of Educational Ministries*

Beth Larkin, *Coordinator of Women's Ministries & Event Operations*

Matt Larkin, *Director of Student & Family Ministries*

• November 15 – 19: National Youth Workers' Convention, Memphis, Tenn.

Steve Lawson, *Executive Director*

• November 17 – 18: Alton Bay

Justin Nash, *Director of Communication*

Dawn Rutan, *Director of Finance*

Jeff Walsh, *Director of World Outreach*