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Dear Friends,

Well, exciting things are happening in Croatia!

We have begun a couple of new ministries! In Čakovec (the national church) we are starting a puppet ministry. We hope to be able to go to the square downtown to perform shows for special events, like Christmas, Carnival (a Catholic celebration), and other such days. We hope to be able to get a crowd together, who would not usually listen to the gospel, and present to them the Living Water, JESUS! We have begun practicing on Wednesday nights after our prayer meeting, and are VERY excited about it. Please pray for this ministry, that people would open their hearts to the good news of Christ. I have the puppets I used in Mexico, but we need a new puppet stage, which we hope to be making. This means we need the right materials for the frame, LOTS of fabric for curtains, and of course the money to pay for it. Please pray God will supply all of the needs for this.

In Varaždin Hannah Leslie, the Leslie's daughter, and I have begun a Children's Sunday School. We switch off teaching the lesson every other week. I began with the story of Creation, and I had a blast teaching kids again. Hannah taught her first lesson ever the very next Sunday, teaching about the first sin of Adam and Eve. She did an excellent job! Please pray for us as we teach these children. We currently have 2 preschoolers who come with their parents every service. Will you pray we can reach more children some day? Here, parents don't allow their children to come to church without them. It is different than in America where bus ministries are quite effective. To reach children we must also reach adults. Please pray that some families will come to church.

As far as language goes, I'm still learning. Some days I seem to understand what I am being taught, while other days are very frustrating. There is some good news though! My language teacher told me I have a very good accent. That was encouraging to hear. Please keep praying that God would give me understanding for the Croatian language.

Thank you so much for your prayers. I would not be here without them!

Love from Croatia,

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