

The Leslie's in Croatia

Dear Fellow-Laborers,

January & February 2026

Greetings from Dugobabe, Croatia! Yes, we have moved into a small house and are truly enjoying country life. There are cows and sheep all around us, and often we see hunters in the fields with their dogs hunting partridge (and no, not the kind in a pear tree!). It has been such a blessing to have a small place with a yard again, giving us a welcome escape from the busyness of the city. As a fun trivia note, *Dugobabe* means "long grandmother", don't ask me why, even the Croatians don't know. Please remember our new address is: Kralja Tomislava 39, Dugobabe, 21207 Klis, Croatia

We have been very busy serving the Lord, and for that we are thankful. December was filled with outreach opportunities. On two Saturdays, we set up a table in town during the Christmas market and gave out free Bibles. What a joy and privilege it is to stand for Jesus and proclaim to the world the true meaning of Christmas. We also held our annual Christmas party at church, which was a great blessing. One of our men was able to bring his wife to church for the first time. That may seem like a small thing to some, but here it is a great victory. The New Year began wonderfully as well. On January 8th, we welcomed a new missionary family to Croatia. Brother and Mrs. Omen have already been a tremendous blessing, and we are excited to see what God will do through their family. They have already begun serving and have truly impressed both Tori and me. They have demonstrated a genuine servant's heart for the Lord.

Shortly after their arrival, we held a baby dedication at the church. This was the first one in Split and, by far, the largest outreach the church has experienced. A young couple from our church invited friends and family, and we had about 30 visitors, mostly Catholic and certainly many attending a non-Catholic church for the first time. I do not recall ever feeling such intense spiritual opposition while preaching. Yet the Lord gave me the words and strength needed. The gospel was clearly preached, and every person heard it. Although no one was saved during the service, the seed was sown. I am filled with joy over the courage of this young couple to invite their Catholic family to hear the gospel.

Soul-winning efforts continue, and last Saturday a young man made a profession of faith. We do not see many saved, but we warn everyone we can. I have learned that I cannot save anyone, but I can tell everyone! We will continue to sow the seed of the gospel and pray that the Lord of the harvest will give the increase in His time.

Now that Brother Omen and his family are here, Tori and I are planning a furlough from September of this year through March of next year. I will soon begin scheduling meetings, and if you would like us to come, you may contact us through social media or by email at croatia4christ@gmail.com. You may also call or text me at **817-405-2619**. Please keep in mind that we are seven hours ahead of Central Standard Time.

In closing, thank you for your continued prayers and faithful support. We were truly overwhelmed by the Christmas offerings you sent. They were a tremendous blessing, and we feel so unworthy of such generosity. May God richly bless you as we labor together for our Lord and Savior.

Because of Jesus,

Johnny Leslie

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