

SEEDS OF HOPE

— MINISTRIES —

Johnny & Tori Leslie



Dear Fellow-Laborers,

September & October 2026

Greetings to you all from the USA, although I am writing this from Croatia!

On September 17, we will fly to America, so by the time you receive this letter, we should be in the USA. We are looking forward to seeing many of you, reporting on the work, and sharing our new ministry, **Seeds of Hope**, with you all.

The last two months have been extremely busy and very stressful. While we were still in the city of Split, I was trying to coordinate with those who were doing the renovations on our apartment. It became very clear that they were deceiving me and were hardly doing any work. After prayer, Tori and I were able to get an Airbnb for a month, close to Varaždin so that I could oversee the renovations. God worked everything out, and our landlord allowed us to end our lease in Split a month early. That provided the funds we needed to pay for the Airbnb. He always provides!

Every day, I had to babysit the workers, and as long as I remained there, they worked. I was able to get them to do as much as possible, and then I asked them to leave. Tori and I were able to finish the painting and take care of a few remaining details. Around the middle of August, we were finally able to move in! Yes, we are now in our apartment, and it is almost completely set up. As we leave for furlough, we will be able to lock the door and leave without worrying. When we return in April, we will be able to hit the ground running as we begin the new ministry! Thank you all for praying!

Through all the stress, I was able to witness to several of the workers. Though no one was saved, several heard the Gospel, and I rejoice in that. I tried to maintain a good testimony in front of them and to love them as Christ loves them, although there were a few days when this was more difficult than others. My hope and prayer is that one day they will be saved!

Over the last month, I had the privilege of preaching in all three independent Baptist churches in Croatia. I started two of them, and the third was started by my friend, Brad Lowrie. It was a joy to preach in all three and to know that each one is a lighthouse for its city. As I was thinking about these churches, I thought, **“Every city needs a preacher.”** These three cities have preachers, but what about the other cities all across the former Yugoslavia that do not have a preacher? May God help us to do more to get the Gospel to these unreached people!

BLMF will soon be sending us another container of Scriptures! These will be an essential part of our new ministry, and we praise the Lord **more scriptures are coming**. However, this does create a new need in that we will have to raise the money for the shipping cost; I will soon get the details for that. Please pray that God provides the means to get these Scriptures to Croatia!

As I close, thank you to everyone who prays for and supports our family! It is a blessing to us to stand together with you and **launch out into the deep to reach souls for Christ!**

Because of Jesus,

Johnny Leslie

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