

Dear Friends,

"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'"
Revelation 7:9-10

The first weekend in February, I was in Croatia for the 3rd annual futsal tournament. The experience reminded me of the above passage--of different nations, tribes and languages coming together to worship the Lord, and--in this case--to play soccer. Players came from various cities in Croatia, and from Serbia, Brazil, Mexico, Holland, USA, Kosovo and Spain. What seemed to be a small platform for bringing people together and sharing the gospel through soccer is now becoming a national event.



It was great to have not only many players, but a number of pastors there as well. Pastor Jasmin shared the Word of God from Psalm 139, reminding everyone how important it is to give our best to the Lord and how much that matters. Pastor Bozo prayed for everyone before the tournament and throughout the day made a point of talking to individuals, asking questions and connecting with them. Pastor Stephen, who was a missionary in Kosovo for many years, carved out time in his schedule to spend time with players who came from Kosovo. Pastor Pedro came from New Jersey to encourage missionaries from his church who are serving in Spain. Pastor Nathanael brought a team from his church in the city of Koprivnica. Pastor Momir, who leads Ambassadors ministry in Croatia, worked hard to organize the tournament and joined in to play along with his friends from the local team. Pastor Filip from the largest Baptist church in Zagreb was at the tournament playing and ministering at the same time, and Pastor Nenad came from Cakovec. Having these and other pastors there was and is foundational for soccer ministry to move forward and grow in Croatia. I am grateful for their participation and support of the ministry!



Ivana, Marta, Rebeka and numerous other volunteers served food and kept everything clean and running smoothly. I'm very thankful for them and their servant hearts. I truly enjoyed seeing young and old hanging out, talking, worshiping and eating together during the two days. I was encouraged to meet a man named Tommi and to hear how God called him to himself recently after he was invited to visit a church and hear

the Word of God. Born and raised in Australia where he became a prolific and successful futsal player, it took a move to Croatia for him to hear the gospel. He has been walking with the Lord for a short period of time and already hopes to use his gifts and talents to serve the Lord.



Please pray that God will continue to use soccer and his servants to spread the gospel in Croatia and in many other countries. Pray for Sam and Fernando in Spain as they minister to Muslim players (photo left). We hope one day to see faces from many different tribes, peoples and languages in eternity and to hear their stories of coming to know Jesus Christ. *Thank you so much for your partnership with us in this ministry!*



On a personal note, we are very thankful to have recently celebrated 30 years of marriage. ☺
With our love in Christ,
Goran & Beth