

# Mercy & Grace

To Croatia

. . . *thou art a gracious God, and merciful* . . . (Jonah 4:2)

November 8, 2021

Dear Friends,

This has been our most challenging year yet, we still have much for which to be thankful as we enter this season of Thanksgiving.

Teen camp was at capacity and the theme was on the life of Joshua. Evening messages challenged the young people to live for Christ now. Daily small groups focused on how to live for Christ by applying the principles demonstrated by Joshua. **Thirteen came forward during the closing service:** some made a public profession of faith while others dedicated themselves to live a Christian life reflecting the change that Christ has made in them. A victory of this magnitude was exactly what we needed as a family, for our ministry, and the camp leaders as well. Two of our leaders have begun a social media group to keep them encouraged. Weekly discipleship has started using Zoom.

This year we also hosted a Father/Son weekend camp. The group was small for the purpose of keeping it personal. Messages focused on the role of father and son with respect to authority and responsibility of leadership. Noah and I (Kevin) participated and it is evident how much of a help it was to our relationship. Our annual Chestnut Festival was well attended even though cases of COVID-19 were increasing. Almost two hundred enjoyed music fellowship and a gospel message. A three-day camp had been planned for the first week in November as a follow-up to teen camp. It was canceled at the last minute due to unforeseen reasons. However, the camp season has definitely been extended and the facility has been put to use more effectively which was our goal upon our arrival.

During this time we have also been very busy helping those still displaced by the earthquake prepare for winter. One gentleman who lives alone and walks with a cane has "fallen through the cracks" as far as aid from the state is concerned. We cut and stacked wood, cleaned his chimney and wood stove, repaired his wheelbarrow. I (Kevin) will begin a one-on-one Bible study with him this winter. We would like to provide some gravel to make it easier for him to walk in his yard and cover his container with a roof to better protect him from the elements. Noah and I (Kevin) have been able to help three other neighbors with yard work and stacking wood. We are still amazed at how God opens doors for us to share the gospel.

We are extremely grateful for you all and the sacrifices you make to support our family ministry prayerfully and financially. Please continue to pray for us. Wisdom is needed as we endeavor to share the gospel while courage is also needed as we still experience tremors. Our prayers are for you as well for God's blessing.

Your ministry extension in Croatia,

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