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“... Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”  
Mark 16.15

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings from beautiful Croatia!

I am so happy to finally be able to send this extremely late prayer letter out to you! It was actually supposed to come out last month around this time, so it is an entire month late. I'll get to the reason why in a moment.

First some good news. As the Winkler's were in the US dealing with some necessary family issues for the past couple of months, I was filling the pulpit on Sundays and Pastor Telebar was doing so on our midweek services on Thursday. Pastor Telebar did an outstanding job for us and we had some great services. It was truly a blessing! And our Sunday services all went very well. Praise the Lord! But we are so happy to have the Winkler family back after their speedy furlough. They are such a blessing to us.

Secondly, our individually mailed Free Bible program has had an outstanding year, having mailed out over **14,000 Bibles** to individuals who took the time to order online. And many of those who ordered listened to a very high quality, detailed Croatian salvation video at the end of the ordering process. A Gospel tract is also included in every Bible. Several have written saying they received Christ as Saviour!

For 2024, I would like to see the individual mailing program mail out **20,000 Bibles**. With the Lord's help, we can do it! Each Bible cost us \$2.00 on this end for postage, tracts, bags, envelopes, and Facebook advertising. So, **20,000 Bibles** will cost us **\$40,000**. God's got the money somewhere. If you or your church have not yet given to the "Bible Postage Ministry", please consider doing so. If you haven't contributed in a long time, please consider doing so again. We need the help of God's people.

Now, why is this letter so late? Well, I have wrestled with Muscular Dystrophy and Diabetes for years and this past few months I was feeling especially poorly. Thinking, "Well the dystrophy must be flaring up or getting worse", I put off going to the doctor, but things came to a head around December 12<sup>th</sup> when I could not walk without extreme pain. I knew something was seriously wrong and began seeking treatment. After blood tests, and IV's at the day clinic, it was evident I actually had sepsis. I was admitted to the hospital in late December for IV antibiotics, and 16 days later, I was released yesterday. Praise the Lord the infection has been defeated.

In addition, while in the hospital, I had consults with neurologists and endocrinologists and got updated medications to treat both MD and Diabetes, and my MD is already showing signs of improvement. Plus, my thyroid dosage was said to be too low and should be increased soon. So, I am now looking forward to a much better quality of life than I could have hoped for just a month ago. Powerful new medications come with side effects, so please pray as I acclimate to the new meds.

Thank you so very much for all your support, whether financial, or through prayer and encouragement. Without you, this would not be possible. Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing.