



THE METHODIST VOICE FROM CROATIA

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WORKING ON A BUILDING

“Working on a Building” is the title of an old gospel song that reminds us that both believers and the church are always in an active process of growth. We are not placed on this earth to live passively or rest idly. True piety is always accompanied by diligence, commitment, and faithful action. Scripture encourages the church in every generation with the words of the apostle Paul: “For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building” (1 Corinthians 3:9).

Here in the Global Methodist Church of Croatia, we recently completed construction on our small church property and sanctuary in downtown Zagreb. Alongside the physical work of building a church, we have also been building a spiritual house. Because Methodism has had only a small presence in Croatia, we have invested heavily in evangelism and public outreach. Thanks to modern tools like the Internet and social media, we have already made a significant impact in our community and received encouraging responses. We are grateful to see steady growth in Sunday

attendance, with new faces joining us regularly. Recently, after a sermon, a first-time visitor with no Christian background shared how deeply she was moved and convicted by what Jesus accomplished for her on the Cross. Moments like this remind us that the work we do is bearing fruit in people’s hearts.

At the end of February, we were blessed by a visit from our Superintendent, Gabriela Kopas, and her husband, Samir. She encouraged us to continue faithfully in fellowship, to pray for our neighbors, and to invite people to our gatherings—both “in the temple and in homes” (Acts 5:42). As we do almost every month, we shared a lunch together after the service.



We are now preparing for a major evangelistic event in June. We are partnering with several evangelical churches in Zagreb and with the internationally known Luis Palau Association (<https://www.>

palau.org/). We are praying especially for an impact among young people and Generation Z. Please join us in prayer for this important outreach to those who are lost in our city.

We have also been offered the opportunity to use a space located right next to our church. The space is neglected and needs full renovation. It is part of the building's common area, and the building manager is willing to let us use it long-term if we invest in restoring it. This would be extremely helpful for our children's ministry and Sunday school. With a dedicated space, more families would feel comfortable attending our events. Thank you for praying for wisdom as we consider this important decision.

We also celebrated our fifth baptism and rejoice with David, who received this important sacrament on April 11th.

We are also preparing for this year's European Methodist Gathering, which will be held on the Croatian Adriatic Riviera in October, with guests from around the world.



We will share more details in our Summer newsletter and on our website.

Our family is doing well, and we are grateful for the opportunity to serve in full-time ministry again through your generous support.



Danijela recently received a major award from a Catholic theological seminary for her work in church music. She plays

regularly in Sunday worship together with our son, Lovro. Our daughter Marija is in the admissions process for Asbury University and is close to enrollment. Please pray for the remaining scholarship funds needed.

As we continue building God's Kingdom, it is essential to invest in young people and involve them in ministry. This remains one of our highest priorities.

We hold to the spirit of the old gospel song:

*I'm working on a building,
It's a true foundation.
I'm holding up the blood-stained banner for my Lord.
And I never get tired of working on the building—
I'm going up to heaven to get my reward.*

In His love,
Pastor Vatroslav

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