

# *The Winkler family* CROATIA



*To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light...that they may receive forgiveness of sins... Acts 26:18*

Dear Praying Friends,

April –May 2020

During the month of April most of Croatia was still closed due to the coronavirus. All of our services were recorded and put on YouTube for our people to watch. There were no meetings held in the Gypsy village for the adults or the children. Stores and places of business that were deemed essential closed each day by 5p.m.

In May the restrictions lightened as a 3-phase reopening process began. Thankfully the first phase allowed churches to open their doors; of course there were specific guidelines to follow. It's been such a blessing to see the people excited to be back at church.

May 10<sup>th</sup> adult services were started again in the Gypsy village after 8 weeks of not being allowed to meet. Not only are we having our regular Wednesday evening service, but we have also added a Sunday evening service. It's encouraging to see some of the people faithfully attending and listen intently to the preaching.

It wasn't until the last weekend of May that we were able to start our children's meetings again in the village. We are thankful that we can once again reach out to the many kids in this Gypsy village. Saturday morning we had 50 in attendance and then another good meeting with the preteens/teens on Sunday afternoon.

Although we cannot be out right now passing out tracts to people personally, we have been going up and down streets putting John and Romans, along with a tract, in mailboxes.

We are still planning on returning to the U.S. for furlough in August. Our time in the states is short, yet we want to visit as many churches as possible. We still have a few openings in our schedule, so please feel free to contact me if you are interested in having us come to your church.

I'd like to remind you that we have a ministry page on Facebook at *Winkler Family Updates* and also on Instagram at *winkler.family.updates*. Follow us to see pictures of what God is doing in Croatia.

As I close this letter I want to express our thanks to you, our co-laborers, for your faithfulness in holding the ropes. **Thank you** for your love, prayers, and support. We are praying for you and your ministry.

Ron Winkler Family