

## **Karadza Family Report September 2019 - December 2019**

### **Karadza Family News**

Greetings from the Karadza family. It has been an interesting last few months with many changes that have happened in our lives. Here are a few things we find important to mention.

### ***Work with Young Married Couples***

From October until the middle of December young married couples gathered every second Sunday. Ivan was in charge of organizing these gatherings. Topics were always connected with issues and challenges young married couples face. Beside Ivan, there were some others who shared their vision of good marriage and parenting and shared it with group. Last event was Christmas party we had and where we have exchanged gifts.

### ***Individual work with couples***

Since one couple from our COC in Zagreb, close friends of Ivan and Marina, have been facing really hard time in their marriage, Marina and Ivan jumped in as friends, but also as faithful advisors working and hoping to bring them back to Christ and help them save their marriage. Not that much of expertize but love, compassion, understanding, longing for God to intervene was what we had to offer. Please, keep praying for this situation.

### ***Humanitarian ministry***

#### ***Cookies for singles, winter food and books sale***

Traditionally, this year, too, we organized another humanitarian sale where we were selling home-made winter food (Marina made „ajvar“) and books. All the money earned through that was given to several individuals in need, members of our church. As part of that, Marina and some other ladies also baked Christmas cookies that were given to singles and older people from our congregation.

### ***Bibles Distribution News***

- Children and Teen Bibles were donated to school in Koprivnica and some churches in Zagreb during November and December.

- During September and October came new requests for Teen and Children Bibles. Order is 75,000 Bibles altogether (Children and Teen Bibles)

- In December, due to their budget limits, EEM approved 50,000 out of 75,000 Bibles. These Bibles will be published and distributed during 2020. Thank God for this ministry!

### ***Christmas event***

On Christmas COC in Zagreb gathered to celebrate birth and life of Jesus as well to share about our lives and whole passed year. It is time of closeness, fellowship, prayer and worshipping together. As part of the event Marina and kids from Sunday school performed occasional play for church. Also, instead of getting their small Christmas gifts in the church, kids once again decided to donate that money to people in need. This year we decided to reach out more into Church neighborhood and we made a donation to one association that operates nearby Church building and takes care of poor people who live in rural parts of Croatia in very low standard conditions. We also donated some money to the Library of Biblical Institute that is located in the center of Zagreb, available to whole community, which is trying to equip a children's section as part of the Library.

### ***Goals for 2020***

These are some of goals we are hoping to achieve in the year of 2020:

1. Children Bible Distribution - To deliver 50,000 Bibles
2. Sunday School
3. Work with young married couples - to invite at least two new couples in year of 2020
4. Video recordings – For Institute – recording, editing and uploading classes - continue to record classes
5. Video recordings – Church work – Making videos with certain topics from family life that could be useful. Also, recording sermons and making it available on Internet.
6. Sport events for children – soccer, hiking, excursions. To have at least few bigger events, beside ones we have weekly and monthly.
7. English club at Karadza's home - to form strong group of kids. Next level of this work would be to have smaller retreats for kids as well as something for parents.

Prayer points:

- For the outcome of the accreditation process Bible Institute is going through with Croatian state government
- For Karadza family in serving Christ, Church and people.
- For Church of Christ in Kušlanova and Bible Institute workers and teachers.

**THANK YOU!**