

Karadza Family report January to March 2023

Karadza Family News

Beside usual and everyday things in our lives there is one thing that made us very proud and blessed. Matej and his basketball team won championship in capital of Croatia, Zagreb. They are champions for city of Zagreb and Zagreb region. On 12-14th of May they are heading for national championship.

Vito is growing, girls are occupied with school activities and sport (after more than year of absence, Ika has returned back to basketball), Marina and I are giving our best to make things going.



Sunday school news

Many new and good things have happened with Sunday school program and team during this period.

Annual conference for Sunday school teachers

Let me first start with annual Sunday School teachers conference in Crikvenica. It happened on 17-19th of march, topic was "*Contemporary Sunday School Teachers as promoters of contemporary studying ways*". It has gathered around thirty Sunday School teachers from various Croatian evangelical churches. This year presenter of our church was Melkior Bračić. He is a young man I started working at beginning of school year of 2022/2023 equipping him to become a Sunday School teacher.

Melkior Bračić

For less than a year I am getting together occasionally with Melkior to motivate him and equip him for Sunday School work. He is having classes at least once a month with 1st-4th grade kids. Melkior is a member in our Church of Christ in Zagreb.

During February his parents divorced. I know his parents well so I was helping both of them during separation (like moving out his father and mediating between them). I tried to encourage Melkior to maintain his decision to stay with Sunday School group. Sunday School Teachers annual Conference in March helped him to focus his mind on something different and straightened his decision to continue work with kids.

The idea is that starting next school year Melkior takes completely group 1st to 4th grade, since for now there are three teachers exchanging with teaching this group.

Also, beside our 4 Ukrainian pupils, we got 2 more Ukrainian girls coming to our classes.



Picture above: Group photo from Sunday school conference at Crikvenica

Getting together with Roman Catholic teachers for exchanging Sunday school materials

Distribution of Children and Teen Bibles has brought some good friendships with Roman Catholic Sunday school teachers. I have met among them some people who are really devoted to God and with who I can work together. We have started sharing our

ideas of Sunday School work and exchanging working materials for that work. We both understand that we can help each other with experience and various tools.

Children Bibles news

During March it has been confirmed that 20000 copies of both Children and Teen Bibles are going to be delivered to Croatia by September 2023.

We are still gathering orders from churches, organizations and individuals for this year, because for now we have around 5000 copies ordered. During May orders should be completed.

From January till March several hundred copies of Children and Teen Bibles were distributed to various organizations as well to many individuals.

Two new members in our church

During March our church has grown for two new members. Ela and Lucija have joined our church group. They both got baptized on 11th of March.

They have been attending our church fellowship for less than a year and were blessed with our church so they decided to be part of our church body.



Video Recordings

Sermons at Church of Christ in Kuslanova

Sermon recordings from January to March can be found on our Youtube channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFY_rFrpR-OeWRYEd29m7yq/videos

On two occasions we had an opportunity to hear a preacher from Ukrainian church of Christ from Kiev. Our church help with accommodation of his family here in the city of Zagreb. He has wife and three children and is coordinating humanitarian work in Ukraine.

Classes at Bible Institute

From January to March at Bible Institute there were various classes being offered.

Jesus Way Discipleship - During January

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46IGCjR-yCM>

1st Epistle to the Corinthians- During March

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0xvqx0xL-qE>



Picture above: 1st Epistle to the Corinthians class

Spiritual formation class - During March

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-RBhuN0rOwI>

Online Classes

With recorded materials we are offering online classes this semester. We have received many requests from Bible Institute online followers to have remote class. During April we will offer 1st Epistle to the Corinthians class online. For now we have more than 10 people registered for this class.

Book Promotions

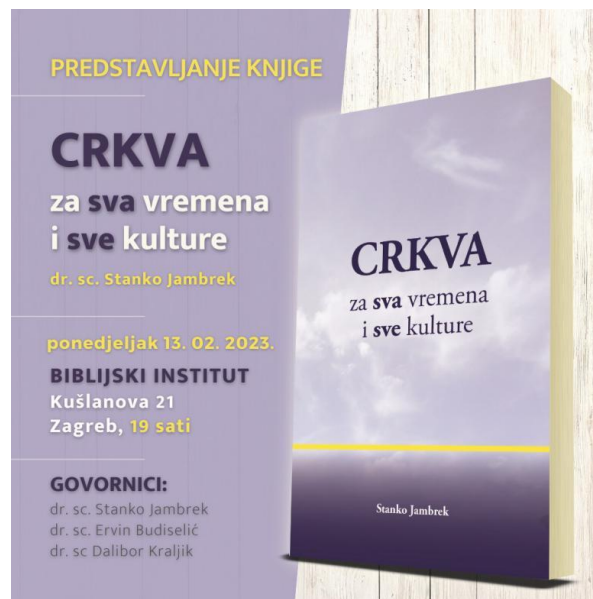
Church for all times and cultures

The latest book by Bible Institute professor Dr. sc. Stanko Jambrek "Church for all times and all cultures" has been presented on 13th of February at the Bible Institute.

The book invites the church to constantly rely on God and his eternal Word in all its teachings, services, celebrations, spiritual struggles, social tensions, flaws, anxieties and sins.

Such a church is healthy and victorious in all times, regardless of cultures, material conditions, technological advances and organizational forms.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z9yHcPK7DhY>

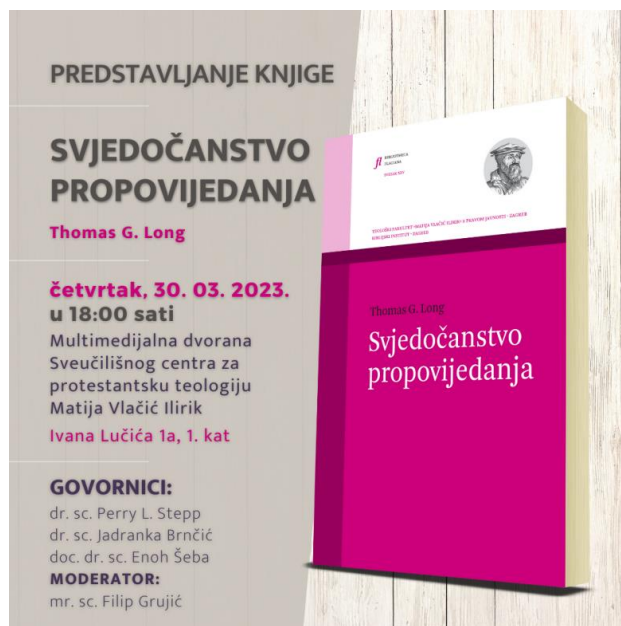


Testimony of preaching

The book *Testimony of Preaching* was published in the edition of the Bibliotheca Flaciana and in the co-publishing of the "Matija Vlačić Ilirik Faculty of Theology" and the "Biblical Institute" from Zagreb. Book was presented on 30th of March.

It is a translation of the third edition of the book *The Witness of Preaching*, which has been one of the most widely used textbooks for homiletics and preaching at various levels of training in the world for several decades. Its author is the famous homiletic and preacher Thomas G. Long.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x_bVW6WEaME



Prayer Requests

- For Ukrainian kids attending our Sunday School program.
- For Advanced Bible program at the Bible Institute.
- For recording sermons and classes.
- For Karadza family in serving Christ, Church and people
- For Church of Christ in Kušlanova and Bible Institute workers and teachers.
- For work with neighbourhood kids.
- For Children and Teen Bibles distribution.

THANK YOU for your continuous support through prayers, written cards to us and finances! We thank our God for being able to partner with you in His work in Croatia!