



GGWO Zagreb, Croatia

**Pastor George &
Carol Arman**

July 5, 2010, will be our fifth-year anniversary as missionaries in Zagreb, Croatia. We would not exchange this experience for anything. This past year has been an incredibly fruitful year. We have recently had a baptism, a Face to Face service, a wedding and soon a baby dedication. We go soulwinning on Friday nights, knocking on doors on Saturday mornings, have prayer meetings on Sunday mornings, church services Sunday nights, and Bible school on Wednesday nights. We do movie nights for teens and young adults. We are very excited for this New Year 2010. A big key to our work here is PERSONAL PRAYER. God is so faithful.

Here are a few examples of what we have encountered during these past five years: In order to be legal in Croatia you have to have a temporary stay visa and renew it every year. We have been fingerprinted, investigated by the FBI and interviewed. All kinds of documents are required with original official stamps and interview by the police. Once we were escorted off a college campus by the campus police for passing out tracts and they took us right to the edge of the campus. In the beginning of our stay here a young man came to church pretending to like us, later he started threatening to expose us in a book he was writing. Well, the reports were never written and he hasn't gotten saved yet.

Once we were lost in the National Park of Croatia. Our mobile phone got wet wading thru the water. Since we had no communication, we spent the night on the ground in a bed of leaves. The bears were on one side of the lake, and we were on the other. Since we couldn't sleep we prayed all night for all the mission teams.

In the first couple years here, some of our neighbors were spying on us and vandalizing cars of our visitors. Now five years later, with God's love and investment we have a great communication with all of them. There's never a dull moment. We are so amazed at God's love and compassion. At this present time we are promoting Eurocon. We have three 21-year-old students coming for the first time. They are on fire for God. We are praying for more to come.



GGWO Bangkok, Thailand

Debbie Colby

"Christmas is for preaching the gospel."

- Jarunee Raina

This year, Big C, the main shopping center in our area, invited us to do a special holiday program. We found ourselves stationed in front of Big C's liquor section, wearing fishnet Santa hats, singing Christmas carols, and preaching the Gospel on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. It meant so much to sing Christmas carols in Thai as Thai people have never heard these songs in their own language, never understood their true meaning. "Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king! Let every heart prepare Him room..." We found ourselves almost shouting these parts.

Jar, the MC of our holiday event, began by saying, "... How wonderful Big C is...Big C cares for its customers so much that they are giving out free Christmas gifts today..." Suddenly, the background shopping music was turned down and Jar's microphone volume turned up. Sandon was buying beef and reported that he could even hear Jar in the meat section. "...and thank you Big C for inviting us to explain the real meaning of Christmas. Santa is not the real meaning of Christmas! Christmas is about God's greatest gift to the world. God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, Jesus Christ, to die on a cross to pay for our sins. Salvation is a free gift. You only need to receive it." Cashiers in florescent Big C polo's and Santa hats; Big Bun workers smiling at us and leaning on their counters; 20 rows of customers, standing in check out lines: all looked and listened with genuine interest

The assurance flowing from her heart was captivating. There is no absolute truth in this Buddhist society so a Thai person is unable to speak about anything with conviction and true assurance. But a Thai woman who has based her life on the truth Word of God – give her a microphone and let her speak!

Big C also gave us gifts to hand out to customers and permission to give a tract or, "information about the meaning of Christmas," with each gift. So we gave away boxes of Pepsi products along with about 500 tracts. And sang Christmas carols and shared the Gospel over and



GGWO Lusaka, Zambia

**Pastor Chris,
Julie, Callia &
Poema Arman**

Missions is the Health of a Family

Here is an update on our family:

Chris concluded his Bible College class "Great Men of the Bible" which was very encouraging. That particular class was fun to teach because you can get very personal with each one you teach. He is excited about helping with the "inreach" in the main church coordinating follow up with new visitors and church members.

Julie is amazing. There is no other way to put it. She parents two children, is part of the music ministry, evangelizes with the kids, and keeps the home. She was very happy to see one of her close friends and disciples at the church last week after not seeing her for four years.

Callia (3½) is having a ball. She is continually excited about every church event. She began practicing with the worship team and sings with them at the end of service as people are leaving. She has really been growing in evangelism. She calls tracts "God Loves You's" and then hands them to people. Our church is in an area with a lot of Somalian immigrants. So we see a lot of Muslim women walk by with full burkas covering everything but their eyes. We told her that they were princesses that didn't know that Jesus loved them. So Callia has a ministry to them.

Poema (1½) is really growing quickly. She is running all over the house and church following her sister saying a handful of words.

Visitation is a staple that we always have had in our church. Our goal is to visit all our first-time visitors' homes within a week of their visit to church. We are greeted at their homes with amazement and statements like: "We have never had a pastor or church leader visit our home in any of the churches we've gone to." Recently we began increasing our efforts to continue visiting new people as well as visiting all the church members. The initial results have been amazing. Just the excitement of the visitation teams has been worth it. The Holy Spirit has given us a child-like anticipation of what He would do. All the visits have been memorable, even with exciting twists; such as, rodent encounters resulting in the screaming of certain lady team members in public restaurants. The response from the

local waitress was, "Relax, they don't bite." Never a dull moment.

We had a beautiful Christmas service with over 170 people in attendance including all four churches. Julie and I are finding our place in things. One area that has been fun and rewarding is with the couples' ministry. We are trying to think of creative ways to minister to the church couples. The day after Christmas we had "Couples Movie Night" showing "Fireproof", and had a discussion about growing in our marriages. Over 30 people attended and we had a great time of questions and answers. Many had never been to a movie, not to mention a Christian movie with redemptive values.

Thanks for all your prayers and support. You are part of everything we say and do here. If God leads you to partner with us, in prayer or financially, we greatly value all you are led to do.

Prayer Requests

- For Wisdom
- That God would speak when visiting different countries; trip to Malawi planned for February
- The right housing for us here in Lusaka
- Disciples for the churches and new Bible college semester
- Health of our family, especially the children
- Future vision for our family

Thank God for answered prayer: we finally found wheels so we are now mobile. We now save a bundle of money from taking local mini buses and taxis.

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over and over. It was the best Christmas ever.

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We will continue with all of our outreaches, God willing, raising up Croatian men to help us. We would like to go to many small villages but until we have a team to help us we cannot do this. God is and has been very gracious to us. We are going forward in this high and holy calling, never looking back. We are thanking God for all the pastors, home base, Missions Department, AV Department, Missionary supporters, missionaries, church services, and Grace Hour. We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses (Hebrew 12:1).

Prayer Requests

- Revival in each church member
- Faithfulness to all services
- Revival in Prayer
- Vision for all the world

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