

For the glory
of God and
the good of
the city.



**TRANSPORTING
PEOPLE**



**PROVIDING FOOD
AND OTHER HELP TO
THOSE IN NEED**



**TAKING THE GOSPEL
TO THE STREETS OF
THE CITY**

Christ the King Church

Karlovac & Zagreb newsletter

Urgency Increases

Christ the King chose to move into its church home because it was a city-owned building that offered the most space for a rent which the members could afford. But the building is over 250 years old and Karlovac's notoriously high water table make the walls always damp. Moisture is wicked up in the old concrete and masonry walls. Any books or paper stored near or in contact with the walls become damp or even wet. We are constantly treating the walls for mold.

We could try making improvements, but we would be throwing money away. We would not be reimbursed by the city which owns the building and we can't take the improvement with us. Also, our lease can be broken at any time by the city if they want us out.

So, we began a capital campaign to raise money to buy a permanent home for Christ the King, where we will not fear being evicted, can make repairs and have a property that looks like a church (important in a traditional culture which already looks upon us as odd). In 2018, we raised \$4000. For 2019, we are asking God to provide \$16,000 or more to add to what we have, so that if faced with a sudden eviction, we could make a down payment on a property. Almir and Tom are planning a trip to America in February to visit folks on the East Coast to share the vision, the opportunities and the challenges in Karlovac.

Our mission: The glory of God and the good of Karlovac.

Our vision: To build up the congregation, disciple new believers, offer basic seminary training and impact more lives for the Kingdom in a permanent facility.

Providence Church Team Visit

Gail Burford, Don Maurer, and Denny Baker from Providence PCA in Pittsburgh, PA visited Croatia the last two weeks in September. They gave concerts in Karlovac and Osijek, presented the gospel, gave public lectures, and Bible studies in Karlovac and Zagreb. They also interacted with church members daily in Karlovac and Zagreb. Denny spoke about social work with seniors and special needs. Gail shared about her many years of experience as a pro-life, crisis pregnancy counselor. Croatians were interested as the EU pressures Croatia to change laws to force doctors to do abortions against their consciences. Don gave his testimony and preached a sermon in Christ the King. When it was time to say goodbye, there were many tears, as these three had made an impact in Croatia.

Christmas Food Boxes

This will be the 5th Christmas that Christ the King will give packets of food to families in need in Karlovoac. If you want to sponsor a "box" of food, you may send a check for \$50 before December 17th to:
St. John's Burry's Church,
1835 Route 68,
Rochester, PA 15074.

Please indicate **CROATIA/Food** box on the memo line.

Seminary Lectures

During the summer and fall, Almir, assisted by Tom have been teaching worship, liturgy and homiletics to both seminary student and others. It is seminary training, but it is also an avenue of evangelism and outreach as well as building up our members in sound doctrine. Church member and the general public attend and participate in the lectures. Christ the King Church serves as a branch campus of the Mihael Strain Seminary in Osijek. People are benefiting from these lectures both inside and outside of the church.

***Denny, Don & Gail
touched the hearts
of many with
music,
testimonies, and
fellowship***

