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Dear Pastor and Church Friends,

Well, it has been a fun filled couple of months for me! I arrived in Croatia the first part of October. It was a long trip, but God was very good to me...as always! I somehow lost my wallet at the airport in Frankfurt, Germany, where I had a layover. Of course, it contained my drivers license, ATM and credit cards! Thankfully I had my passport separate. Well, just before it was time to board the plane the desk worker called my name, and said someone had turned in my wallet. Praise God, EVERYTHING was still inside! Even the money! That was a relief!!!

After arriving in Croatia, Missionary Johnny Leslie, and Pastor Rich Telebar (the national pastor who took over Johnny's first church) helped me greatly in starting all my Visa paperwork. It did not take long for me to get my Visa and Personal Identification Number! It was just over a month! That is very good for a couple of reasons. First of all, it was completed faster than usual! Secondly, I could not get a phone/internet contract, or car without the paperwork! That means I was without any internet, or car for a month! It may not sound like a long time on paper, but it felt like forever! (I believe it felt like forever for my parents, too, since I was only able to talk to my Mom once a week, if that, and I didn't have the opportunity to talk to my Dad even ONCE, due to his work schedule.) But praise God, it is in the past, and now I have internet, and a car! God provided a very nice car for me, and it included an extra set of winter tires. An interesting fact about Croatia is that it is required by law to have winter tires on your car after the Daylight Savings Time date, until springtime. They have certainly come in handy, since I have had to drive in the snow! It has been very interesting learning to drive a standard car, and also learning to drive in snow and ice! God has helped me every step of the way, though. He sure is good!



Thank you all for your prayers, and offerings of love. Without them, I would never have been able to come to Croatia. I truly do appreciate all that you all do! It is such a blessing knowing that somewhere in America, there is someone praying for me! I love you all!

Please continue to pray that God would open my mind to learning Croatian very quickly. I am anxious to tell some of these kids about Jesus!!!

On the right are pictures of my house and car.

Thank you so very much for your support and prayers,

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