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Dear Friends,

I had a great time in America for a few months. I was able to visit some churches, and spend much needed time with my family. I also thoroughly enjoyed being with my church family in Fort Worth.

Now I'm back in Croatia, and have settled into my routine. It's good to be back home!

I'd like to share one of the blessings from my flight to Croatia.

I was able to fly my new puppet stage to Croatia in two canvas bags. They don't check everyone at customs in Croatia, but since I had two puppet stage bags, two suitcases, and two cats it was pretty much a given they would stop me. The customs officer asked what the stage bags were, so I told him as best I could in Croatian what it was. He told me I would have to pay taxes, asked for the receipt, and went to his office to start the paperwork. He came back out after a few minutes and asked how I would describe it, and what it was for. I told him it was for children's programs. Then he asked what my job was, so I told him I worked in a church. He said "Oh, you work for the church, and it's for children's programs!"

He then proceeded to hand me back my passport, and said I could go!

I didn't have to pay a cent! Praise God!!! (I had been praying I wouldn't have to pay very much at customs. God answered my prayer above and beyond what I asked!) God has been very good to me. I don't deserve such a loving heavenly Father, but I'm so glad I have one. Do you know His love? You can! It's there for EVERYONE! "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life!"

As for Croatian news, please pray for my Sunday School class. One of our church families moved to the capitol for work, taking 3 of our boys. Pray that we can get some more families in. Also, please continue to pray for the church in Cakovec. Attendance is at an all time low. We all need wisdom on how to reach the people in this small town.

I'd like to thank you all for your prayers and support. Your prayers are what keeps me going.

May God richly bless you all.

Love from Croatia,

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