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Dear Pastor and Church Friends,

Many things have happened recently that I must tell you about. I will begin with this May, when God brought me out for furlough. My plans were to come out in 2012, but God had other plans. My Godly counselors advised me to take my furlough in May, when I had to renew paperwork. They felt it would be wise, with so much violence in Mexico. When I got back, I began to attend services at my home church, while I was in town. God began to speak to my heart about not going back to Mexico. I must admit that I struggled greatly with this. My ministry was there, my friends are there, and my house is there . . . you get the picture. My heart is also there. So I began to pray about this, and to ask God to confirm that He did not want me in Mexico, and to show me where He did want me. It seems as though in EVERY service I attended, God spoke to me about not going back to Mexico. There was also another country that I could not get out of my mind. I prayed even more, asking God to make His way clear, and to give me peace. (All the while, my heart was breaking for Mexico. Those people still need to hear God's word. Especially in such a time as this!) Well, God kept confirming that He did not want me in Mexico. He also kept the other country on my mind and heart. That country is Croatia. CROATIA?! Yes, I know what you are thinking. That is a loong way away from Mexico. They don't even speak the same language! How can God want Melissa Houston to go to Croatia? Well...I can't say that I fully understand all of the reasons, but I do know that Croatia is where God now wants me. I was able to take a trip there, and I see so much potential for children's ministries, there. I will be working with Johnny and Tori Leslie, and Scott and Traci Holcomb. The Leslie's have been missionaries in Croatia for 11 years, and the Holcomb's have been missionaries there for 2 years. They are the only Independent Baptists that we know of, in the whole country. I will be going to start Neighborhood Bible Clubs. I will also help in the local churches in areas such as Music, Children, Women, Vacation Bible Schools, and anywhere else I can be used. I am very much looking forward to my new opportunity of service! God has given me a "peace that passeth all understanding." Although I am sad about leaving Mexico, I am very excited about going to Croatia. God has been so good to me. Please pray that I will be able to raise the additional monthly support that I will need quickly so that I can serve on the field of Croatia.

Thank you all for your love and support.

God bless you all,  
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