

The Oman Family



To Croatia



Dear Pastor:

Greetings, my name is Derek Oman, and I am an Independent Baptist missionary to Croatia. My wife, Sierra, and I have been married since April 2016, and we are parents to two wonderful boys – Levi and Theo.

I have had the privilege of serving as full-time Youth Pastor and Assistant Pastor at Harvest Baptist Church in Abilene, TX since 2014 under the leadership of Pastor Roy Meksch. Thinking I would one day pastor a church here in the States, the Lord brought my life to a crossroads one night during a revival meeting in October of 2022 when I first felt the call to missions. After much prayer, I surrendered my life to the mission field. We were able to go on our survey trip in October of 2023, and we are now traveling on deputation.

Croatia is a beautiful country with a rich history and breath-taking landscapes. However, a spiritual darkness resides in the hearts of many Croats as the majority claim religion, but one that is empty and built on works. Currently, 88% of Croats identify as Roman Catholics – claiming to know Jesus Christ, yet spurning His grace.

We believe our commission mirrors that of the Apostle Paul: “...now I send thee, to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins...” (Acts 26:17b-18)

Our goals are simple: evangelize the lost, establish local Independent Baptist churches, and equip the saints with the Word. We will be working with veteran missionaries Johnny and Tori Leslie – assisting them with their new church plant in Split, attending language school, and ministering to those around us until the day comes when the Lord moves us.

Thank you for taking the time to consider partnering with us as we strive to bring hope to the souls in Croatia through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting, please feel free to contact me through the information provided below.

Serving Him,

Derek Oman

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Dear Pastor,

This letter is to recommend Brother Derek Oman and his family as missionaries to the field of Croatia. Brother Derek has been a faithful member and part of the staff of Harvest Baptist Church for the last nine years or more. He came to us fresh out of college. He came to me on his graduation day saying he felt that God was calling him to the ministry and wanted to know if he could intern with me.

Brother Derek is my grandson and has been raised in a fundamental Bible believing, New Testament Baptist Church all his life. Brother Derek began working with our teens and our choir, of which he did a fantastic job. Later he took the course offered by the Faith Bible Institute and did very good. He graduated to teaching the young adult and college class in our Sunday School. He preaches each Sunday evening for the services of the church. He has become an excellent preacher. He has a great voice for singing and he helps with our orchestra.

Since coming to Harvest, he has found the lady of his life, they married and now they have two sons. He has been called to the field of Croatia by call of God to spread the gospel.

I hope that you will prayerfully consider supporting the Oman's to Croatia. I believe that God can use them to reach souls for Christ! You may feel free to contact me at the church office anytime.

Sincerely,

Pastor Roy G. Meksch

Roy G. Meksch, Pastor



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Dear Pastor,

What a blessing when God calls servants to the harvest!

It has been my privilege to watch Derek Oman and his family grow in service to the Lord. Their willingness to stick to it and let God work in their lives is admirable in this day and age.

From the time they were called to full time Christian service to now they have done what every good servant should do. They have worked faithfully alongside Pastor Meksch and the good folks at Harvest Baptist Church in Abilene, Texas surrendering to God's plan. This family has what it takes to be missionaries. They are more interested in what God wants than what their hearts may think. I am glad to have interacted with them through the years and excited for what God will continue to do with them in His plan for their lives. I am most moved by their willingness not only to serve but to wait on the Lord.

You may have deduced that I whole-heartedly recommend this fine family for support as missionaries to Croatia! Well, I do!

I pray God will bless you in the field He has planted you.

Highest Regards.

Called to be a servant,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron K. Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Pastor Ron K. Jones

The Leslie's in Croatia

Dear Pastor,

November 3, 2023

My name is Johnny Leslie, and my wife and I have been missionaries in Croatia for 23 years. We've been able to start three churches and translate much literature into the Croatian language.

It is my privilege to have the opportunity to recommend Brother Derek Omen and his wife Sierra as missionaries to Croatia. Brother Derek and Sierra were able to take a survey trip in 2023 and during that time, they came to the city of Split, where our current church plant is located. Both Derek and Sierra ministered to our people while they were here, and our folks fell in love with them. Both Derek and Sierra have a Christ like spirit, and both displayed the heart of servants.

I have extended an invitation to Derek and Sierra to work with us here in the city of Split, and to my excitement He feels the Lord has called him here and has accepted the invitation.

We are thrilled to have them as missionaries to Croatia, and we will help them anyway we can.

Pastor, I whole heartily recommend them and hope you will allow them to present the field of Croatia to your local church. Please help them speedily fulfill the will of God for their lives!

Because of Jesus,

Johnny Leslie

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Statement of Beliefs

The Holy Scriptures

We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the verbally and plenary inspired Word of God. The Scriptures are inerrant, infallible and God-breathed, and therefore are the final authority for faith and life. The sixty-six books of the Old and New Testament are the complete and divine revelation of God to Man. The Scriptures shall be interpreted according to their normal grammatical-historical meaning. The King James Version of the Bible is the inspired, preserved Word of God for the English speaking people. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

The Godhead

We believe in one Triune God, eternally existing in three persons-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit-each co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Jn 14:10, 26).

The Person and Work of Christ

1. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man, without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful men (Isa 7:14; 9:6; Lk 1:35; Jn 1:1-2, 14; 2 Cor 5:19-21; Gal 4:4-5; Phil 2:5-8).
2. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through his death on the cross as a representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice; and, that our justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead (Acts 2:18-36; Rom 3:24-25; 1 Pet 2:24; Eph 1:7; 1 Pet 1:3-5).
3. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to Heaven, and is now exalted at the right hand of God, where, as our High Priest, He fulfills the ministry of Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate (Acts 1:9-10; Heb 9:24; 7:25; Rom 8:34; 1 Jn 2:1-2).

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

1. We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; and, that He is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the body of Christ, indwelling and sealing them unto the day of redemption (Jn 16:8-11; Rom 8:9; 1 Cor 12:12-14; 2 Cor 3:6; Eph 1:13-14).

2. We believe that He is the Divine Teacher who assists believers to understand and appropriate the Scriptures and that it is the privilege and duty of all the saved to be filled with the Spirit (Eph1:17-18; 5:18; 1 Jn2:20, 27).

3. We believe that God is sovereign in the bestowal of spiritual gifts to every believer. God uniquely uses evangelists, pastors, and teachers to equip believers in the assembly in order that they can do the work of the ministry (Rom12:3-8; 1 Cor12:4-11, 28; Eph4:7-12).

4. We believe that the sign gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as speaking in tongues and the gift of healing, were temporary. We believe that speaking in tongues was never the common or necessary sign of the baptism or filling of the Holy Spirit and that ultimate deliverance of the body from sickness or death awaits the consummation of our salvation in the resurrection, though God frequently chooses to answer the prayers of believers for physical healing (I Cor1:22; 13:8; 14:21-22).

The Depravity of Man

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that in Adam's sin the human race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God; and, that man is totally depraved, and, of himself, utterly unable to remedy his lost condition (Gen1:26-27; Rom3:22-23; 5:12; 6:23; Eph2:1-3; 4:17-19).

Salvation

We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, Whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins (Jn1:12; Eph1:7; 2:8-10; 1 Pet1:18-19).

The Eternal Security and Assurance of Believers

1. We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever (John 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Rom 8:1, 38-39; 1 Cor 1:4-8; 1 Pet 1:4-5).

The Church

1. We believe that the local church, which is the body and the espoused bride of Christ, is solely made up of born-again and scripturally-baptized persons (1 Cor12:12-14; 2 Cor11:2; Eph1:22-23; 5:25-27).

2. We believe in the autonomy of the local church free of any external authority or control (Acts13:l-4; 15:19-31; 20:28; Rom16:1, 4; 1 Cor3:9, 16; 5:4-7, 13; 1 Pet5:1-4).

3. We recognize water baptism (by immersion) and the Lord's Supper as the Scriptural ordinances of obedience for the church in this age (Matt28:19-20; Acts2:41-42; 18:18; I Cor11:23-26). We believe and practice closed communion.

Separation

We believe that all the saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord; and, that separation from all religious apostasy, all worldly and sinful pleasures, practices and associations is commanded of God (Rom12:1-2; 14:13; 2 Cor6:14 – 7:1; 2 Tim3:1-5; 1 Jn2:15-17; 2 Jn9-11).

The Second Advent of Christ

We believe in that "blessed hope," the personal, imminent return of Christ Who will rapture His Church prior to the seven-year tribulation period. At the end of the Tribulation, Christ will personally and visibly return with His saints, to establish His earthly Messianic Kingdom, which was promised to the nation of Israel (Ps89:3-4; Dan2:31-45; Zech14:4-11; I Thess1:10; 1 Thess4:13-18; Titus2:13; Rev3:10; 19:11-16; 20:1-6).

The Eternal State

1. We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men, the saved to eternal life, and the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment (Matt25:46; Jn5:28, 29; 11:25-26; Rev20:5-6, 12-13).

The Personality of Satan

We believe that Satan is a person, the author of sin and the cause of the Fall of Man; that he is the open and declared enemy of God and man; and, that he shall be eternally punished in the Lake of Fire (Job1:6-7; Isa.14:12-17; Matt.4:2-11; 25:41; Rev.20:10).

Creation

We believe that God created the universe in six literal, 24-hour periods. We reject evolution, the Gap Theory, the Day-Age Theory, and Theistic Evolution as unscriptural theories of origin (Genesis1-2; Ex20:11).

Divorce and Remarriage

We believe that God hates divorce and intends marriage to last until one of the spouses dies. Divorce and remarriage is regarded as adultery except on the grounds of fornication. Although divorced and remarried persons or divorced persons may hold positions of service in the church and be greatly used of God for Christian service, they may not be considered for the offices of pastor or deacon (Mal2:14-17; Matt19:3-12; Rom7:1-3; 1 Tim3:2, 12; Titus1:6).

Sanctity of Human Life

We believe that human life begins at the moment a human embryo is formed, either through natural conception or artificial means such as cloning. Termination of this human life at any stage of embryonic or fetal development through abortion, research methods, or any other means is murder. We reject any teaching that abortions of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the mental well being of the mother (Job3:16; Psalm51:5; 139:14-16; Isa44:24; 49:1, 5; Jer1:5; 20:15-18; Luke1:44).

Missions

We believe that God has given the church a great commission to proclaim the Gospel to all nations so that there might be a great multitude from every nation, tribe, ethnic group, and language group who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. As ambassadors of Christ we must use all available means to go to the foreign nations and not wait for them to come to us (Matt28:19-20; Mark16:15; Luke24:46-48; John20:21; Acts1:8; 2 Cor5:20).

Giving

We believe that every Christian, as a steward of that portion of God's wealth entrusted to him, is obligated to support his local church financially. We believe that God has established the tithe as a basis for giving, but that every Christian should also give other offerings sacrificially and cheerfully to the support of the church, the relief of those in need, and the spread of the Gospel. We believe that a Christian relinquishes all rights to direct the use of the tithe or offering once the gift has been made (Genesis14:20; Proverbs3:9-10; Acts4:34-37; 1 Corinthians16:2; 2 Corinthians9:6-7; Galatians6:6; Ephesians4:28; 1 Timothy5:17-18; 1 Jn3:17).

