

The Oman Family



To Croatia



Dear Fellow Laborers:

January 2025

We have been so blessed to stay an extended time throughout the Northwest the last several months, and that continued through the first half of January. What a joy it was to start the month with Yakima Bible Baptist Church in Yakima, WA. Other meetings took us to Mount View Baptist Church in Tualatin, OR; Bethel Baptist Church in Salem, OR; and Greater Portland Baptist Church in Portland, OR.

One of the privileges of staying around the areas Sierra and I grew up in is getting to spend time with family. One such family member was my grandmother on my dad's side – of which many are not saved. What a blessing it was to visit and introduce the grandkids to her.

Most importantly, it afforded me the opportunity to share my testimony and the Gospel with her. She claimed she made a profession of faith at a youth camp when she was young, but admitted peer pressure played a factor in her decision. Due to losing several family members to cancer, herself having cancer, and now her granddaughter also having cancer, she struggles to reconcile the thought of a loving God and death and disease. I did my best to reconcile these seemingly competing thoughts in the little time we had but left without much success. Would you please pray for her salvation, and that God would grant me wisdom as we continue to correspond and discuss these things?

Alas, our time to start heading back towards our home in Texas arrived, but not without a few stops in sunny Arizona first! What an honor it was to be a part of several missions conferences: the first being with New Testament Baptist Church in Tucson, followed by Cornerstone Baptist Church in Phoenix, finishing with First Baptist Bible Church in Glendale. We so enjoyed the powerful preaching, zoo days, Saturation Saturdays, and fellowship around the dinner table. We felt so loved by all of these churches, and were treated with kindness and generosity we do not deserve.

In total, we were able to visit 7 different churches throughout the month, with several of those deciding to partner with us in our calling to Croatia. Praise the Lord! We sincerely thank every one of you for your love and support. You will never know how much of an impact it has made on us.

For Christ,

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