

Dear Pastor Brad,

Wendy and I would like to wish you a belated "Happy Thanksgiving" and say thank you for your recent financial gift to our ministry. Your love and generosity are sincerely appreciated and we are so grateful that you have partnered with us in serving the Lord and the people of Split, Croatia.

We hope you had a terrific Thanksgiving celebration with both friends and family. You probably know that we would love to have been in the US for the weekend but we're glad to be here with friends and each other. We are actually postponing our celebrations until Sunday afternoon when we will celebrate with our team leaders and good friends, Kent & Cheri Picksly.

On this Thanksgiving we are so thankful for so many things like the love of friends, the love of family, and especially the love of our Heavenly Father. We are grateful for the grace he offers each of us through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We are also praising God for the way He has already begun to use the English workshops that Wendy is helping to teach. One lady in the class, "Ana", has since visited our church on a couple of occasions and even once brought her friend and also her daughter. She has also begun to attend one of our home group Bible studies. We are so excited because this is the primary reason we started the English workshop. We are hoping and praying that even more will have the desire to go deeper.

I (Chris) am also praising the Lord for a new development which has come from my three years of playing flag football. At 42 (yes, it is true), I am probably too old to be playing flag football with a bunch of guys in their late teens and early twenties but I needed a way to build relationships with people outside of the church and this is a terrific way. A few months ago I approached one young man about meeting to study the Bible. At the time, he wasn't interested. Then a few weeks ago, he mentioned that he would like to start reading the Bible together. We've begun reading together twice weekly and he seems to be really excited about it. Last week I was sick and couldn't meet with him and he expressed sincere disappointment. He has thanked me several times for taking the time to meet with him (evidently thinking that it must be inconvenient for me). Inside I'm rejoicing because this is the first of hopefully many Bible studies I get to have with guys from the football team.

Thank you once again for your support and partnership. We realize that we are here because of your love for Christ and your sacrificial giving. Thank you so much.

In Christ,

Chris England (for all of us)