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Dear Pastor Subert,

I was so pleased to receive your letter a few days ago about the opening of a new chapel in Zlatar Vistrica. It makes such a difference to the worshipping church when they have a home they can call their own. Our prayer is that the God we worship and serve, will help the church also in that city to maintain a strong witness and to grow. Your Brothers and Sisters in other countries continue to pray fervently that the suffering and horrors of the past three years can be left behind and that the millions who have had to live as refugees will again be able to find security in their own homes.

May God bless each of our members and keep them strong in their faith and a shining light to those who do not believe.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Jan Paulsen, President

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Dear Brother Subert,

It has been a real pleasure to receive your kind letter which reached my desk a few days ago. How happy I am to hear the good news about the dedication ceremony of the new chapel. Now you can worship together the Lord in a beautiful house of prayer. Please, kindly convey to all our believers and our dear friends my brotherly greetings and my sincere appreciation for their engagement in the Lord's work.

Whenever a new church building is dedicated, I always have to think of the words King Solomon expressed at the dedication of the new temple in Jerusalem (I. Kings 8, 23 to the end of the chapter). I like the expression that God in heaven hears the prayers of his children assembled in his house. May this experience become visible to many people in your city.

I very much like the words of appreciation which the mayor of Zlatar Bistrica, Mr. Valdo Hajnic, has expressed in his speech. He recognizes the positive influence coming from Adventist communities. Let us continue to let our light shine for the benefit of the people around us. Please, convey also my best greetings to brother Zdenko Hlisc-Bladt, the president of the Croatian-Slovenian Conference. May the Lord bless him abundantly in his heavy responsibility.

You all have suffered a lot during the last months and even years. We also pray that the Lord will put an end to this stupid war in the territories of Ex-Yugoslavia. My heart is bleeding when I see the terrible pictures and scenes on television. I am deeply moved for we know that many of our dear church members suffered physically as well as spiritually, and that they have lost all they had. It is really a tragedy.

It is always with pleasure that I think back to the years when your field belonged to the Euro-Africa Division, and when it has been my privilege to visit Yugoslavia and our beloved churches. Very soon the day will come when the Lord will put an end

to sufferings, separation and pain. How encouraging and full of light are the words of the apostle Paul in Romans 8, 28 until the end of the chapter! May we by this receive strength and encouragement and remain faithful to the Lord. It will always be a real pleasure to hear from you. Please, convey my best greetings to your dear family and to all our brethren.

With my best wishes and brotherly greetings,

Very sincerely yours in Jesus Christ,

E. Ludescher

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Dragi brate Šubert!

Sa zadovoljstvom sam primio tvoje ljubazno pismo prije nekoliko dana. Doista sam sretan kad čujem dobre vijesti o posvećenju nove kapele. Sad možete zajedno proslavljati Gospoda u prekrasnom domu molitve. Molim te, prenesi svim vjernicima i našim dragim prijateljima moje bratske pozdrave i moje iskrene pohvale što se tako zalažu za Gospodnje djelo.

Kadgod je negdje posvećen neki molitveni dom uvijek se sjetim riječi što ih je kralj Salomon izgovorio prigodom posvećenja novog hrama u Jeruzalemu /1. Kraljevima 8,23 do kraja/. Volim riječi koje kazuju da nebeski Bog čuje molitve svoje djece okupljene u Njegovom domu. Neka bi ovo iskustvo postalo vidljivo mnogim ljudima u vašem gradu.

Veoma cijenim riječi što ih je u svom govoru izrekao gradonačelnik Zlatar Bistrice, gosp. Vlado Hajnić. On priznaje pozitivan utjecaj koji se širi u adventističkoj sredini. Neka naše svjetlo i dalje svijetli za dobrobit naroda oko nas. Molim te, prenesi moje najsrdačnije pozdrave bratu Zdenku Hlišću, predsjedniku Hrvatsko-slovenske konferencije. Neka bi ga Bog obilno blagoslovio u njegovoj odgovornoj dužnosti.

Svi ste vi dosta pretrpjeli tijekom posljednjih mjeseci i godina. I mi se molimo da bi Bog učinio kraj ovom ludom ratu na području bivše Jugoslavije. Moje srce krvari kad vidim strašne slike i prizore na televiziji. Duboko sam dairnu~~k~~ kad znamo da su mnogi od naših dragih vjernika trpjeli fizički i duhovno, i da su izgubili sve što su imali. Doista je to tragedija.

Uvijek ću se s radošću sjećati onih godina kad je vaše područje pripadalo Euro-Afričkoj diviziji i kada sam imao prednost posjetiti Jugoslaviju i naše drage crkve. Uskoro će doći dan kada će Gospodin učiniti kraj patnjama, odvajanju i bolu. Kako su ohrabrujuće i prepune svjetla riječi apostola Pavla u Rimljanima 8,28 do kraja! Primimo ovim snagom i ohrabrenje i ostanimo vjerni Gospodinu. Uvijek će mi biti drago čuti za tebe. Molim te, prenesi moje najsrdačnije pozdrave tvojoj dragoj obitelji i svojoj našoj braći i sestrama.

S najboljim željama i bratskim pozdravima,

Vrlo iskreno vaš u Isusu Kristu

Edwin Ludescher

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Our dear Brother Ludescher!

Identično pismo poslano je i na adresu
Our dear Brother Paulson!

We believers, friends, and symphatizers of the SDA Church and all participants of today's dedication of the home chapel in Zlatar Vistrica are sending our warm greetings and best wishes for successful accomplishing the responsible duties our God and the people had given you.

For decades this region has wished to open a place for worship on this location. Zlatar Bistrica is one of rare towns centers, seat of contry, which is surrounded by many inhabited places, and is in near vicinity of the greatest Croatian Roman-Catholic place Marija Bistrica, and yet has not had a shrine.

In opening this chapel, Seventh-day Adventists of this first domination to open here a church the first sacred building in the city.

With this chapel, Seventh-day Adventists from Marija Bistrica, Zlatar Bistrica, Zlatar, and friends and sympathizers from other places have solved their most important problem of free assembling and missionary activity in this part of Croatian Zagorje.

Mr. Valdo Hajnić, the county mayor of Zlatar Bistrica, with warm words greeted all present, called attention on the importance of this event, and expressed his gratitude to the Adventists who with their great richness of spiritual power and moral qualities ennoble their communities.

The service of dedication performed pastor Zdenko Hlišć-Bladt, president of Croatian-Slovenian Conference, Seventh-day Adventist Church from Zagreb, beside a great number of guests.

A Club of Bible friends, which for a longer time operates in this part of contry, with systematic studies of biblical truths nurses spiritual music and poetry, assembling a fine group of distinguished people, with songs gave a fine contribution to the solemn atmosphere.

We thank God for this place where His name will be celebrated and prayed for peace, happiness and progress of our dear fatherland, for mutual love and togetherness.

We ask God soon to put an end to the horrors which surrounds us, that the exiles can as soon as possible go back to thier hearts with security, and the inhabitants begin to live worthy of people.

Our wisc is that the concept of our spiritual and physical life: "In everything, do others what you would have them to do you!" be the watchword for all our citizens.

Hearty greetings with best wishes in the name of all assambled Sewenth-day Adventists Church Stubičke Toplice

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P.S. We are sending this text in agreement with all assembled for the dedication to Brother Ludescher.