



CULTURAL CROSSOVER

with **Christina Hillesheim**

About My Mission

Serving in Croatia through discipleship, media, and apologetics



Croatia is a beautiful and complex nation where faith and secularism often intersect. My mission is to share the hope of Christ by connecting hearts and minds – bridging faith, science, and culture through relationships, digital discipleship, and community engagement.

Since moving to Zagreb, I've seen God open new doors for outreach:

- On campuses, through personal conversations with students exploring faith.
- Online, through videos and training resources on science and religion.
- In local communities, through volunteering with the Red Cross and Zagreb Zoo, where I connect with both visitors and staff.

New Chapter: Four Ministry Roles

God has expanded my reach in 2025!

Global Technology Team

Pioneers International

Supporting missionaries worldwide through learning systems, training design, and global resource development.

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Apologetics & Faith

Science Ministry

Engaging both believers and skeptics through online talks, university partnerships, and conferences that explore how faith and science work together.

This includes the ongoing *Science and Religion Series* and participation in academic events such as the *Center for the Study of Science and Religion* conference in Zagreb.



Croatia Media Team

OneKingdom

Leading a new online discipleship platform called *PostojiNada* ("There Is Hope"), featuring courses that introduce people to God and faith-based living.

These courses also address **mental health, addictions, and family relationships**, helping people find healing and hope in Christ.

Local Church Ministry

City of Zagreb

Serving on the **Tech Team** for the city's only English-language international service and leading a **discussion table** in the new weekly discipleship course.

These opportunities allow me to help others grow in their walk with Christ while being rooted in a local church community.

Outreach Highlights

Zoo Volunteering: Serving in multiple areas of the Zagreb Zoo, assisting zookeepers and interacting with hundreds of visitors weekly - building language skills and relational bridges.



Red Cross Community Involvement: Volunteering at the homeless shelter and educational safety events for children.



Academic Engagement: Partnering with ministry leaders and educators through the *Lausanne Network* and the *Faraday Institute* to expand faith-based education and apologetics outreach.

Digital Discipleship: Developing online mini-courses that connect seekers to trained e-coaches for one-on-one mentorship and Gospel-centered discussion.

Book of the Month Initiative

Each newsletter features short reflections on books that inspire growth in faith, leadership, and worldview - from *The Emotionally Healthy Leader* to *Imagine Heaven* - encouraging thoughtful engagement for both believers and seekers.



BARK BOX

Even my dog **Guapo** has a ministry of his own - spreading joy, comic relief, and friendly warmth everywhere we go. (Follow his adventures in each monthly update!)



Partner with Me

Your prayer and support make this mission possible. Together we can reach hearts in Croatia and across Europe with the hope of Christ.

How You Can Partner

PRAY

- For ongoing discipleship and evangelistic connections.
- For the continued development of *PostojiNada* and its impact on mental health, family life, and faith.
- For wisdom and stamina in managing multiple ministry roles.

GIVE

- Through Pioneers International: www.pioneers.org (Account Number: 113214)
- For personal needs, gifts can also be sent through Venmo: [@christina-hillesheim](https://venmo.com/@christina-hillesheim)

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