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Rev. Dr. Sharon T. Koh

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Dear Sharon,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We rejoice together with you and our sisters and brothers for God's faithfulness and service of International Ministries around the world for 210 years. It is God's grace and all the glory belongs to God alone for all your efforts in any part of the World.

American Baptists have a long tradition of cooperation with Baptists from the former Yugoslavia and later in Croatia. We thank you for all the help and cooperation we have had all these years. I also thank you on behalf of those whom we helped after the earthquake in Croatia in 2020. Because of your donation, we helped more than 50 families to continue their normal lives because we rebuilt the chimneys of their houses. Thank you!

Let me share with you a story that has been going on for more than 50 years. ABC IM, through its representative in Europe at the time, Denton Lotz, helped in the purchase of a beautiful piece of land on the island of Ugljan in Croatia called Činta. That place became a place of God's special presence where thousands of young and old people surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ for the first time and many more renewed their relationship with God.

Reid Trulson renewed our cooperation after the democratic changes in the 1990's and since then a group for teenagers in our Činta has been helped every year. This collaboration continued and continues today through our dear brother Charles Jones in this and many other projects.

Every year we hold 10 different groups with about 80 participants in each group, from a teenage group, pastoral families to a group for refugees from Ukraine. And the impression is always the same "God works among us in a special way!" "We feel His presence!" "We repent for our sins!" "We surrender our lives to you Christ!"

Thank you, American Baptists for making it possible to purchase that beautiful piece of God's creation that reminds us every year of God's greatness and His power. When we mention the name of our camp "Činta", we immediately think of IM ABC and thank God for your mission in the whole world. And believe me, we remember you many times during the year because that place is so precious to us and provides so many blessings to everyone who comes to that place. It is also important for the Kingdom of God in Croatia.

We rejoice with you for His faithfulness, love and mercy.

To God be the glory!

On behalf of Croatian Baptists,

Željko Mraz,

General Secretary