

## Our Team



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**Mateja Stolnik Vugrek** has a B.S. in Economics and Management. She is also a graduate of the Zagreb Bible Institute. Mateja is from Varaždin, Croatia. Mateja has led camps and worked with children and teens for 10 years. She writes articles and books for children and youth, and edits our magazine. Mateja is married to Igor Vugrek.



**Igor Vugrek** studied at the Los Angeles Music Academy. He has worked many years with different bands, and as a music school teacher. Igor leads worship at our camps and youth meetings, and leads our Youth Band. Igor is married to Mateja Stolnik Vugrek. From Novi Golubovec, Croatia, he now lives in Zagreb with Mateja.

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# NEŠTO VIŠE

Zajedno kroz život, stvoreni za više.



## Something More

*Together through life, created for more.*

*Engaging and serving **Youth** and families;  
encouraging them toward **Discipleship**; and  
leading the next generation to **Jesus** in...*

## Croatia

## Vision

To help young people and their families discover and experience the purpose, love, direction, and potential God intends for their lives, ultimately helping them find their way to a relationship with Jesus.

## Mission

We do this by providing meaningful experiences and activities, such as camps, mentoring/discipling relationships, youth meetings, music programs, and opportunities to enrich knowledge and friendship.



## Together Through Life, Created for More

Ours is a developmental ministry approach that engages with young people through their early life span, from childhood into young adulthood. We want to show them that the "Something More" for which we were created is relationship with God, through Jesus Christ.

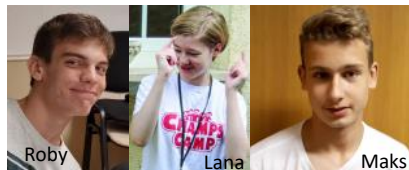
## In Their Words

### Roby, 17

"I come to the youth meetings because of the love I feel there, and I like how they talk with us about God."

### Lana, 15

"The worship and Bible study is really quality time. I feel accepted, and they show us love. I trust them and I can talk with them about anything."



### Maks, 14

"They help me understand the message in the Bible, in a fun way. I understand God better than before I met them. And Igor is funny, he has some good jokes."

## Ministry Activities

### Individual Discipling Relationships

We engage in these relationships with teens who come to our events, as well as with others. We study the Bible and talk about life together. These relationships represent our most important work. We are also active in the life of a local church body.



### Regular Youth Meetings

These gatherings happen regularly throughout the school year. They are designed to provide teens a community and a place to belong; and encourage them toward discipleship with Jesus. Meetings include music, Bible messages, fun games, food, and fellowship.



### Camps

*Champs Camp* is for children 6-12 years old. *Youth Camp* (summer and winter) is for teenagers. Children who started with us at Champs Camp now help with the camp as teenage volunteers. Many of them also now attend the Youth Camp. Some of these teens also are active in our youth meetings throughout the school year. *Family Camp* engages the families of these teens.

### Spiritual Magazine for Teens

This magazine is published quarterly. It presents Biblical truths, as well as encouraging articles. It includes reviews of music and movies from a spiritual perspective, as well as interviews with teens with whom we work.



### Youth Band

The band is another way to creatively engage with teens. Rehearsals include a brief Bible message or devotional thought that connects with the music.



### Seminars for Parents and Churches

Along with invited guest speakers, we engage with parents in dialogue, and by providing them strategies and counsel for parenting and family life, from a Biblical perspective. We also offer churches seminars in mentoring and discipling young people.