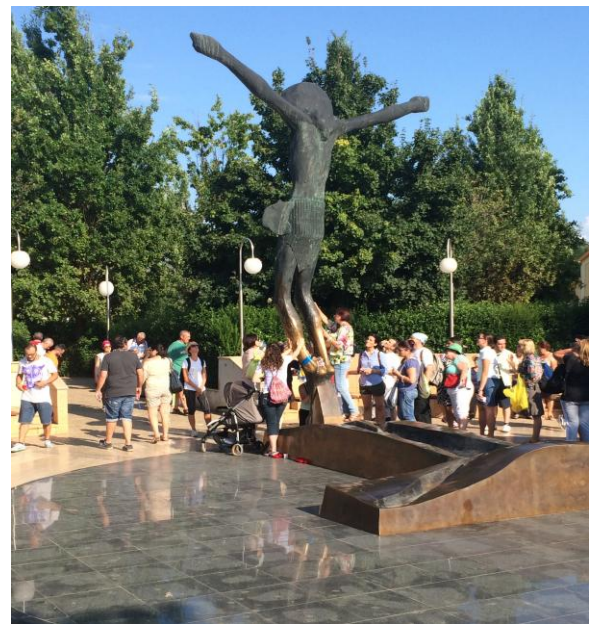




We came as strangers, individuals who wanted to share, support and celebrate . . . over 80,000 Christians showed up to experience the miracles.



We experienced the Miracles of Mary in the Sun, in the Risen Christ and on the hillside.



Over 100,000 confessions were received, by over 534 priests in attendance. Not even the rain could diminish the celebration of sacraments.



Many who climbed to the top of the mountain called Križevac (Cross Mountain) and followed the Stations of the Cross, stopped to help Christ along the way, evidenced by the thorns atop Christ's head.



We helped the men of Mother's Village prepare for the 25<sup>th</sup> International Youth Festival by making Crosses, lavender sachets and Mosaic tile pictures to support the village.



We celebrated with new friends at Mothers Village and Pilgrims from around the world.



At evening Mass, when the aisles parted, over 80,000 Pilgrims from around the world shared the sacrament together.



During the daytime we hiked through wild flowers and vineyards to Apparition Hill to see M'Lady. We gathered on the mountainside above Medjugore to pray, ask for help and give thanks.



We came as strangers and left as friends having experienced the miracles of Medjugorje and Mother Mary.