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Power of Partnership

In April, we marked our 30th anniversary of Harvest for the Hungry at our launch event. Carol Sharman and Amarh Amarteay share what supporting Harvest means to them and their church. We share stories of how donations to last year's appeal have given hope to many. We'd love for you to get involved too.

We also have exciting news of new partners who have joined our network, and how God is using them in the places he has called them to be. In May, a church team visited Mission Possible Bulgaria to work with 'Hem of His Garment' project and they share their experiences of what God is doing through his people.

Read about upcoming summer camps, reaching people with the good news, especially young people. Our English language project TEnteach is nearing its launch and presents opportunities to share faith.

James reports on his trip to Romania, seeing first-hand how partners serve those in their communities including people who

have fled Ukraine. You can read how gifts to our Crisis Fund have impacted the work of our partners and the refugees they help. We also report on the challenges faced by the increased cost of living.

Despite these challenges, we testify to a faithful God who holds the future and is working out his plans and purposes through his people. Partnership is powerful.

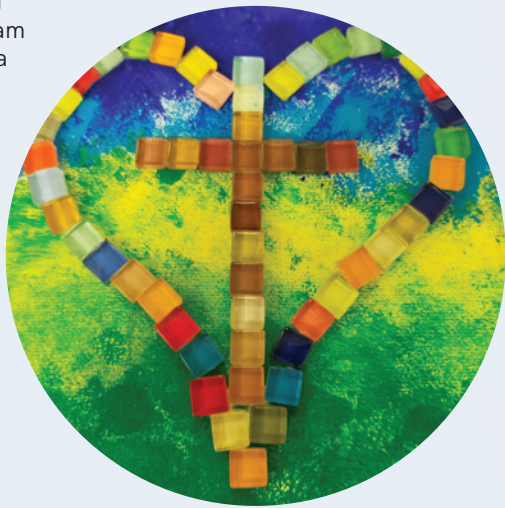


Photo of artwork taken on recent MPB trip

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Welcome



During my recent trip to Romania, people I met thanked me for the support TEN has given over the years. My response was to appreciate their thanks but each time, and intentionally, to make the point that “We are all on the same team, we play our part, and you play yours.”

That is the essence of partnership. Each person playing their part. That is the secret.

In this edition of Connect we focus on the power of partnerships. Arguably, each edition of Connect does this but we thought it was right to draw attention to the way partnership is essential to how God works through his people.

The apostle Paul writes, “I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.” This is the power of partnership, each one doing what they are called to, as a sacrifice to God, who makes it grow. The power of partnership is because God is in the mix.

Gary Cox, Derek Wade and many Christians and churches from across the UK have all played their part in the partnership that is seen in Harvest for the Hungry over the last thirty years. If you would like to play your part in marking the 30th year of Harvest for the Hungry, please can we encourage you to highlight this important work in your local church and invite them to get involved.

Thank you for the part you play in this wonderful partnership that is the ministry of Transform Europe Network.

In partnership in the gospel,

James Vaughton, CEO, TEN

P.S. it is great to have Naomi Greenwood on board as our new Communications and Operations Officer. This is Naomi’s first edition of Connect as editor.

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Cover photo: Pat from Hillview Church plays ball with a little girl from Pevsits village.

Celebrating the Harvest



On 27th April, we marked thirty years of Harvest for the Hungry at Crofts End Church.

Carol Sharman, one of our guest speakers and church representative for Harvest at Ridgeway Methodist Church, shared her thoughts about the day:

"I went to the 30th Anniversary launch feeling somewhat nervous as I'd been invited to say a few words, but I needn't have worried; meeting the leaders and other supporters, hearing more about the work from two partners in Europe and worshipping together made it a beautiful day and worth the drive from Plymouth.

"I searched my old diaries and found our church, Ridgeway Methodist, first supported Harvest for the Hungry in September 1997, making this our 25th anniversary, so we're hoping to make a big thing of it this autumn. Having supported TEN since 1990 (then called Eurovangelism), I suggested to the leaders of Ridgeway, that we support Harvest for the Hungry at our harvest service. They agreed and we've never stopped.

"TEN's founder, Dave Foster, became a Christian aged 14, at our old building down the road and this helped people from the church feel involved; as did having a local dentist, Jack Barley, one of TEN's leaders

speak at our first service for Harvest.

"Our people at Ridgeway have loved the videos and presentations for Harvest and adapted easily to the change from filling boxes to filling envelopes. They have been especially supportive recently with the Crisis Fund for Ukraine."

"What particularly blessed me was the reminder of the humble beginnings of Harvest for the Hungry and how the Lord has used it to be part of the process of people coming to know Him as their saviour. I join everyone in giving thanks to the Lord for how Harvest has triggered changes in peoples' lives. It's gratifying to hear of the range of congregations in the UK who have been part of Harvest's ministry since its inception. It's my prayer that the Lord will continue to use Harvest as part of the process in bringing people into His Kingdom."

Amarh Amartei, guest speaker and pastor of Gateway Church, Leyton



To watch our Harvest for the Hungry launch event and for other Harvest resources, please visit www.harvestforthehungry.org

The Power of Care

by James Vaughton, TEN CEO

Hazel Vinson (TEN Chair of Trustees) and James Vaughton visited Romania in the Spring. They spent five days in Oradea with TEN partners.

The death of a family member, children with severe disabilities, terminal cancer and unemployment are some of the circumstances we encountered as we spent time with the CASA and Emanuel Hospice teams. Monika and Nelly from CASA enter a home with a smile and friendly conversation. It is as if hope has entered the building. We listen, a food parcel is given, we ask questions, and pray together.

The following day, with Emanuel Hospice, we watch Dr Beni and nurse Florentina carefully find the fractured veins of a cancer patient to give pain relief. They are so gentle. It is a difficult task, yet they succeed. At one point, doctor and nurse break into a hymn. Hazel and I try to join in. We finish in prayer.

A couple of days later we are with Gavril and Aghi Covaci in the Roma village of Tarcea. We visit the church, which TEN has helped fund. Gavril tells us of a desire to provide more taps for the village. Currently there is just one. He is also concerned that children are not getting the education they need. He wants to set up a classroom in the church building in the coming year.

Top: An Orthodox church in Oradea; Left: A house in Tarcea village; Right: James and Hazel with the Emanuel Hospice team.



Prayer requests:

- Thank God for the wonderful care our partners give in difficult circumstances.
- Pray that God will sustain each of our partners in their demanding roles.
- Pray for provision for CASA, Emanuel Hospice and Pastor Gavril's work.

In each of these vignettes there is a sense that each of TEN's partners are being the caring hands and feet of Jesus. The care given and love shown has been physical, spiritual and psychological. It was wonderful to see.



Ukraine update

Russia invaded Ukraine on 24th February 2022 and it very quickly became apparent that TEN partners in Moldova and South-eastern Romania were on the frontline in terms of responding to the crisis.

The TEN response has focused on:

- Communication with partners
- Support for partners
- Communication with supporters
- Raising funds to support partners

Over £120,000 has been raised by the Crisis Fund. The majority of the funds raised have gone to Moldova and south-east Romania. We have also sent funds to western Romania, Bulgaria and North Macedonia. At the time of writing about £80,000 has been sent in response to the crisis. This includes additional funds allocated for a minibus.

Partners have used funds to:

1. **Send aid into Ukraine.** Beginning of Life and the church leaders in Constanta have been working with Ukrainian pastors to get aid into Ukraine. Most aid has gone to Mykolaiv and the Odesa region in the south, and to Kyiv. This has included medical supplies, clothing, bedding, thermals, food, and sanitary supplies.
2. **Support the provision of basic needs for refugees coming into Moldova and Romania.** This has included food, clothing, washing machines, medical supplies, and accommodation.
3. **Resource partners in helping refugees.** Fuel for partners' transport, a minibus for Agape Church and funds to hire minivans.
4. **Fly five refugees into Ireland.**

During his trip to Romania, James Vaughton visited the Constanta region. He spent time with partners responding to the crisis. James had the opportunity to meet refugees hosted by Agape Church. It was difficult to hear their stories.





In one family the mother has cancer. Her husband, permitted to leave Ukraine because of his wife's illness, was anxiously trying to sort paperwork for his family and fix their car. Later in the same day James met a couple of families. Children, mothers and grandmothers all stayed together in a local hotel, served by the church. It was a privilege to listen to them and pray with them. Since the visit, working with others, TEN has helped five of the refugees James met to come to the UK.

As we look ahead, we continue to talk to partners to help us understand the needs. Beginning of Life are looking to establish a refugee centre. TEN is considering how to support the team in this endeavour. If the war reaches Odesa it is likely that the number of refugees crossing into Moldova and south-east Romania will once again increase. In the meantime, partners continue to support those they host.

Partners in other Balkan nations are telling us that the spiralling costs of food and fuel are impacting them and those they serve. Harvest for the Hungry will be as important as ever, in this its 30th year, to meet the needs of the poorest in the Balkans and Eastern Europe.

Please continue to pray:

- Thank God for the way churches and leaders are working together.
- For God to sustain our partners during this crisis.
- For wisdom as how to move from crisis response to ongoing engagement with the crisis.
- To support the Crisis Fund you can go to:
www.ten-uk.org/give

Thank you for your support and prayers. We are incredibly humbled by how you and many supporters have responded so generously.

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Cost of living increases in Eastern Europe

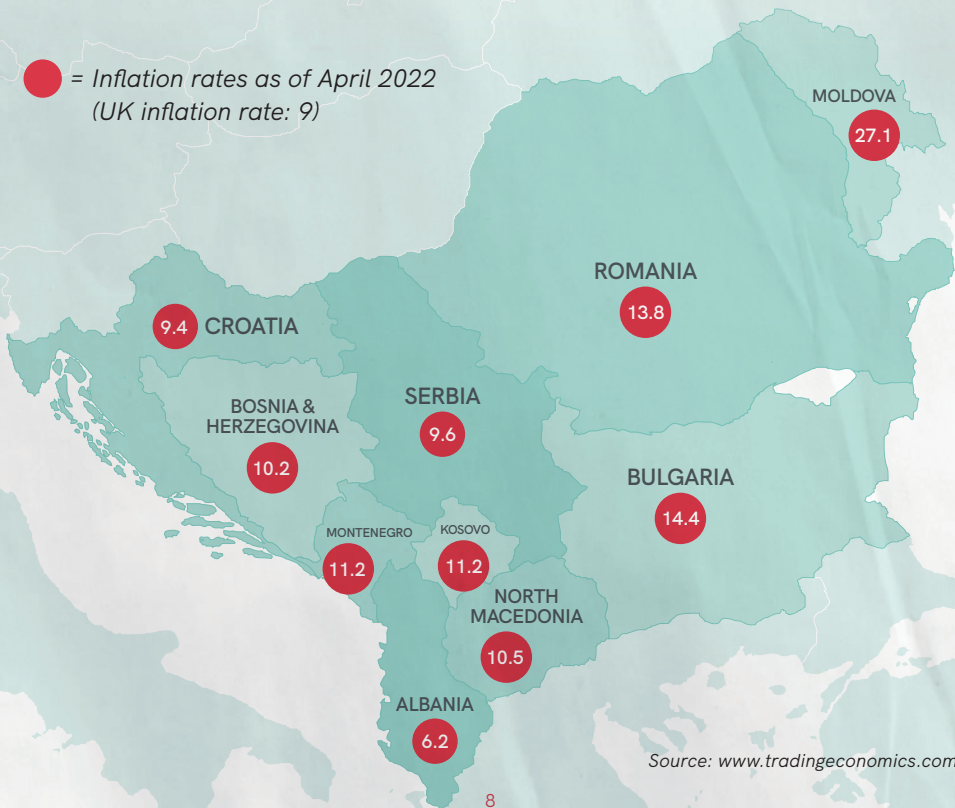
We are probably all aware of recent price rises that have affected the cost of everyday items. Partners were reporting in 2021 about prices going up.

One partner in Bulgaria told us, "Until recently, a bottle of oil cost BGN 3, but now it is BGN 6." The war in Ukraine has meant even higher prices. Petrol in Romania jumped from 6.40 RON per litre to 8.99 RON, a 40% rise overnight.

According to the UN, global food prices are 30% higher than the same time last year. As always it is the

poorer communities that are hit hardest by increased costs. As you can see from the map, Moldova has inflation of over 27%. These figures show the scale of inflation across Eastern Europe. TEN is planning to respond in a strategic way to help partners who are experiencing hardship.

● = Inflation rates as of April 2022
(UK inflation rate: 9)



Source: www.tradingeconomics.com

HEART Cry

Prayer requests from across Europe

July – September 2022

ten-uk.org/pray

— JULY 2022 —

DUSAN & MIRA BEREDI SERBIA



- 1 This month, we also have an English evangelistic camp. We invite young people to camp and learn English, but they also get to know Christ. Pray for their salvation.
- 2 3–6 July, we will have camp for teenagers with adventures, travelling, new experiences and lots of challenges. May God speak to their hearts.
- 3 7–12 July is children's camp. We are expecting about 40 children, and we expect God to work mightily among them. Pray for the team, for wisdom and leadership.

DANIEL & IRINKA STRACINSKI MONTENEGRO



- 4 4–6 July we plan to have street evangelism, and Christian music events in Bar, Podgorica and Niksic. Pray it will happen and for people to receive the gospel.
- 5 We are working with those who have escaped Ukraine. Please pray for

this new ministry and we help them materially and spiritually.

- 6 Irinka's parents from Ukraine and four children with special needs from Montenegro are in urgent need of accommodation and money. Pray for God's help, wisdom and all that we need.
- 7 My family need to go to Serbia for some documents. Pray for a safe trip with our small baby son.
- 8 11–15 July, we are having an English camp. Pray for the children who come, the people who bring them, and all our needs for the camp.

DRAGAN & BILJANA MANEV NORTH MACEDONIA



- 9 Pray for the economic situation in our country. Salaries are very small and prices are very high. Because of this, many young people leave our country and go to Europe to work.
- 10 Pray for Redjep, Vesna and their two little girls, a Roma family from our town of Resen, that recently started to visit our church.

- 11 13-20 July, Allan (TEN trustee) and Jane Spencer will visit to help prepare some puppet shows for Christmas evangelism events. We also hope to have a one-day English summer camp with teenagers.
- 12 We hope to hold a Roma Christian camp at Lake Prespa at the end of July. The plan is to host young people from Prilep, Bitola and Resen.
- 13 Please pray for our evangelistic events in the region on 6-7 September. We will host an event at the Home of Culture in Resen, and another event in our region.

GAVRIL & AGHI COVACI ROMANIA



- 14 For growth and unity of the brothers and sisters who serve the mission of the church, especially for more to step forward and commit themselves to service.
- 15 Please pray for the health of Pastor Gavril, his wife Aghi, their family and for opportunities for the gospel as they plan a summer programme of street evangelism in the Roma communities.
- 16 Pray that as many people as possible will hear and respond to the word of God. Pray for more opportunities for the Roma brothers to be more involved in this work.

RUSLAN & LARISA TELPIZ MOLDOVA



- 17 We are running summer camps this year. Please pray for everyone involved.
- 18 We would love to have a ministry to serve hot meals to socially vulnerable people from our church building, but we need people to serve.
- 19 Give thanks to God that three people from our youth group have given their lives to him!

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE KOSOVO



- 20 We help over 150 families every month with the Mercy Ministry. Many of these families have come to Christ and attend our Sunday services. Pray for each family we serve.
- 21 This month, we will have an evangelism camp. We will visit different cities in Kosovo and have outreach days. Pray that people will hear about Jesus and receive His love and forgiveness.
- 22 Pray for our 'Ark of Life' ministry, travelling around mostly unreached villages to build relationships with the children and find people who could start children's ministries there.

SLAVKO & SANJA HADZIC BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA



- 23 At the end of this month, I will speak at a student camp in Serbia. Pray for the participants and speakers.
- 24 In September, we are organising a prayer conference for the leaders from the region. Pray that it will be well attended and that we will all grow in intimacy with God and each other.
- 25 At the end of September, I will speak at the evangelistic events in Lithuania. Pray that people will be touched and drawn to Jesus.

JOVICA & SAVKA BACVANSKI MONTENEGRO



- 26 After 30 years of being in full-time ministry, I will begin a sabbatical at the end of July. Thank God for my assistant, Boris, who will lead the church while my family and I rest.

27 At Orthodox Easter, we shared gifts and the gospel with some families we provide with food parcels (in cooperation with TEN). Please pray for the impact of the gospel in their lives.

28 Pray for the Russian families who recently joined our church; two couples and four children with them. We need someone who will work with children and they need accommodation.

ANDREI & EUGENIA GHIDION MOLDOVA



29 Please pray for our summer camps, particularly for the team, their organisation and the children who will come.

30 Please pray for the new people who have recently started coming to church, that they would receive the gospel and ask for baptism.

31 We need prayer for the Day Care Centre, that God would meet our material needs. Please remember the children who come to the centre, that they would be open to the gospel.

— AUGUST 2022 —

ROBERT & KRASI SALAMANOVI NORTH MACEDONIA



1 Please pray for the evangelistic event we will hold this month in the centre of Radovish. Pray that many people hear the good news.

2 Please remember the miners. Many have problems with their marriages or they are divorced and they come to me for advice. May God give me wisdom.

3 Our church is a year old. Please pray for our services and may God continue to guide and give us wisdom, as Krasi and I lead the church.

LJILJANA BANICEK BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA



4 The economic crisis is hitting us, and more people are asking for help. Please pray that the Lord will provide so we can meet those needs and give them packages of hope and love.

5 We want to continue distributing food packages to twenty families for three months. Pray that God will provide the funds and show us the families to serve, who are also seeking God.

KATARINA KOLEVA NORTH MACEDONIA



6 Pray for the translation and publication of books into Macedonian, so they can be distributed to students, pastors and churches.

7 This month, we have the National Summer Conference for students. We will have outreach, so pray for God to encourage students and young people with open hearts to come.

8 There are two people we want to invite to join our team, since our work has increased. We need more people to disciple students and coordinate evangelism outreach.

VANCE & TANJA GOLOMEOVI SERBIA

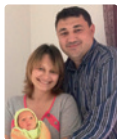


9 Please pray for the provision of funds and the completion of the church building in Pozarevac.

10 Since we started online services due to the pandemic, the church has reduced in number, both physically and spiritually. We pray for a greater presence of people at our services.

- 11 We pray for church growth and to have a greater influence in our city and region. We would love to see the small student groups develop into new churches.
- 12 Please remember Aleksandar, a young man from our church who is a former addict. I have been spending time with him. Pray for complete healing and that he finds Jesus.
- 13 Pray for my family. After this month, we don't know how we will pay our rent. Pray for our children and for me and Tanja as we minister to the people of Pozarevac.

MARIAN & IONICA ȘERBAN ROMANIA



- 14 This summer, we would like to hold a special event to mark our 25th anniversary. We are celebrating many years of continuous service to poor children in Constanta County.
- 15 One of our older boys who will take an exam at the end of the academic year, and then choose his future trade. Please pray for God's hand over his life.
- 16 We need wisdom, patience, energy and the material resources as we serve both poor families in our villages and Ukrainian refugees.

TOMISLAV & LIDIJA DOBUTOVIC BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA



- 17 Pray for the ladies' creative workshop, particularly for the friends our church members have invited to receive the gospel.
- 18 We are hosting a church summer camp and need to decide where to have it, how to include all believers and make preparations for baptisms.

- 19 A new family is joining us in the summertime to support the work with refugees. Please pray for the work and the family that will join us.
- 20 Please remember the students at the Bible Institute as they take part in the seminars.
- 21 We would love to see the building up of leadership for the Church in Sarajevo, especially for national people to be more involved.
- 22 We need God's leading for our future, for fresh vision and strength in ministry and support. Our son Natan needs to decide where to continue his education—Sarajevo or Croatia.

MISSION POSSIBLE ALBANIA ALBANIA



- 23 The number of Mosques is increasing but the number of churches is small. Please pray that children and young people would follow the Living God.
- 24 We pray for new beginnings, new vision and more workers. We believe we are entering a new season for MPA. May we be united in love.
- 25 May God open up new opportunities to build healthy relationships between partners and friends who support the Lord's work in Bathore.
- 26 We desire for MPA to be a means of glory to God in Bathore and throughout Albania.

PETRE & DANIELA PETROV NORTH MACEDONIA



- 27 Praise God that he has brought new people to our services. Pray these people receive Christ, but please also pray for those who have drifted away to return to God's family.

- 28 God has enabled us to finish the sanctuary in our local church in Kumanovo! Please pray it will be full of people and we will glorify God there.
- 29 Our church in Skopje has recently received a married couple from Ukraine, helped them to register and given them food and short-term accommodation. Please pray for them.
- 30 The Albanian evangelical church is in Struga recently had a baptism at Lake Ohrid. Pray for Leo in his beginnings as a new member of God's family, and praise God for this young man!
- 31 This month, we plan to start a new year with a new generation of students at the Theological Seminary in Kumanovo. Pray for many new students to continue God's work in Macedonia.

— SEPTEMBER 2022 —

VALERIU & ANGELA MUNTEANU MOLDOVA



- 1 Please pray for all the summer activities, meeting with teenagers and hosting camps.
- 2 We have a situation where a person is discouraging the children to come to our Bible studies. Please pray against this and that they come to our studies and are encouraged.
- 3 We praise God the Bible studies with teenagers has restarted. My wife, Angela is now helping with this.

FETIJI HALILI ALBANIA



- 4 Pray for the new church, which God has provided for us; that people may have an open heart for the word of the Lord. Pray for spiritual revival in our churches.

- 5 We long to have people serve full-time at church services.
- 6 Pray for the ministry of teenagers, that their focus may be on the Lord.
- 7 Pray for the men's service, as it is very challenging because some of the men are alcoholics.
- 8 We have services with drug addicts and we pray that God changes them and they agree to go to the rehab centres and recover.
- 9 Pray for peace between Ukraine and Russia.
- 10 Pray that the peace and grace of God always be with us.

EMIL & VESNA PUZDRELIEVI NORTH MACEDONIA



- 11 Please pray for our outreach events; for the open-air concert with Christian musicians, a literary event for a female Christian writer and an art exhibition with a Christian artist.
- 12 We hope to have an event with the Macedonian Christian Association of bikers, so please pray this will happen.

DANNY & VERA KURANJI SERBIA



- 13 Witnessing amazing maturity and gifts in a few ex-drug addicts is huge praise item. God is raising future leaders and we are grateful.
- 14 May God start new groups, churches as these men have vision, and a desire to serve and love the lost. Our country needs more rehabilitation centres and more churches.

- 15 The men need good relationships. Our Christian circle is small and Christian ladies are few. A relationship with an unbeliever would be the first step in falling back.
- 16 Each man that made the decision to get clean needs prayer. Only God can reset their brain, change their hearts and future as they trust Jesus!
- 17 May God continue to financially provide. Our centre is free of charge as most of the men have no ways of contributing.

DUSAN & MIRA BEREDI SERBIA



- 18 Pray for the guys at the rehab centre, for their spiritual growth and for victory over drug addiction. Pray for the workers at the centre to have wisdom and open hearts.
- 19 The rehab centre has a removals and transportation business. Pray that through this business, we can cover our costs and become completely independent.
- 20 Pray for the development of our church's internet service. During August, we will start recording our shows to continue to grow and reach more people.

GAVRIL & AGHI COVACI ROMANIA



- 21 Pray for the widows in the church and community. One is sick with cancer.
- 22 Pray for the spiritual growth and formation of disciples in our churches. Pray for those who want water baptism, that dates will be fixed when they will be baptised.
- 23 Pray for our plans for water distribution and supplementary children's education in Tarcea.

- 24 We have a desire to buy a house of prayer for the thriving new Roma church in Gurbediu. Pray this will be funded.

SERGHEI MIHAILOV MOLDOVA



- 25 Pray please for the new academic year of the School for Parents, which gives opportunities to vulnerable families to get out of the vicious cycle of poverty and dysfunction.
- 26 Pray for the local young people who continue attending Urban Teens Outreach clubs. For most of them, this is the place where they feel safe and accepted.
- 27 Pray for refugee children and women who are served by teams both at Beginning of Life and at the refugee centres.

DARIO & SILVIJA KAPIN BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA



- 28 Occasionally, we have had new people come into our church. Pray that they would hear the gospel and become disciples of Christ.
- 29 Pray for our work at the apiary, for the bees and how we have been developing the land. We have been preparing for the summer, as temperatures rise.
- 30 Our daughter, Debora has recently married Daniel. Please remember them before God, as they start a new life together.

TEN Snippets



Freedom from Addiction

At the start of April, Vance Golomeov attended a conference for Christian Association of Former Addicts of the Former Yugoslavia in Sarajevo. The event praised God for all he has done, freeing people from addiction and raising them to new life.

Continuing the vision in Badicul

Igor Ismailov has been appointed as the new pastor at Badicul Baptist Church, Moldova.

Igor's vision is to continue the work started by Lucian Tabac (who sadly passed away during the Covid pandemic) of preaching the gospel and winning people for Christ in Badicul Moldovenesc and Larga Nouă.



Recruitment & Staffing Update

We're delighted to report we've promoted two members of the TEN staff team.

James Chilcott (Chilli) is now our Finance & Data Manager, having already given over seven years of dedicated service.

Naomi Greenwood, who joined the team at the start of 2018 as Administrative Assistant is now our new Communications & Operations Officer, taking on the mantle from Bob Northey.

We're also very excited about two new posts we have been recruiting for: Finance Assistant and Mission Engagement Worker. Please look out for further news on our website and in our next magazine. Please pray for us as we develop our team.



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Please complete and return this form to:

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TENteach on track

Melanie Griffiths,
Supporter & Churches Officer

Thanks to the hard work of former TEN Communications Officer, Bob Northey, Tenteach now has its own web pages at tenteach.org, with all the information students from Eastern Europe will need to sign up.

TENteach launches in September. To ensure it is manageable, four partner countries will initially be invited to participate.

Next steps:

1. Contacting partners to advertise the course
2. Enrolling students

Dragan Manev in Resen, North Macedonia, is planning to run an English language camp on 17th July and is hoping to recruit some teenagers from this to join TENteach.

This is an exciting resource for our partners in Europe as they connect with people and share the gospel. The combination of online English classes using Bible stories, promises to be a great means of outreach.

Remembering Edola Dalaci

In March, we learned the very sad news that Edjola Dalaci, Director of Mission Possible Albania, had suddenly passed away. Edjola's colleague and friend Gjergji Como pays tribute to her.

Edjola was more than a friend to us; she was our family. This loss is not only felt by the ones who knew her, but also by those who had not met her personally, but had seen her walk the streets of Bathore, greeting anyone who came her way.

Whenever faced with a difficult situation, Djola used her favourite expression, "One day it will be better." We did not expect that a 'better day' would come so soon for her. Now she is well, in the arms of her saviour, having joined the cloud of witnesses in the Heavenly City. Meanwhile, she has left us a legacy of life, having dedicated herself to the service of God and the people who knew her. We know we will meet her again.



Summer Camp focus

Vjeko Mrcic, Good News Church Split, Croatia

For us at Good News Church Split and Camp Fokus, summer almost does not exist without summer camps.

Last summer there were seven different camps at Camp Fokus: the Outback weekend for married couples, parents and teens; the kids camp; youth

camp; family camp and different one-day events with a total of 420 campers.

I have been to hundreds of camps around the world since I was kid. I enjoy summer camps, believing that the camps

are like petrol stations, where you come and fill your life with many blessings.

The presence of God, new and old friends, new adventures and challenges and last but not least, new possibilities for what God has for you.

This year we will have six different camps at Camp Fokus and we believe that God will work in the lives of each camper and volunteer.

You are most welcome to spend some part of the summer at Camp Fokus, Croatia.



Elsewhere...

There is great excitement among the children in Bitola and Prilep, North Macedonia.

After two years without any camps, 40-50 children plus their leaders will travel daily to the countryside near Prilep for a three-day children's camp. Tefik Musoski and guests from the United States

will lead the activities. Tefik is also planning a one-day camp with the deaf children in Prilep at the same site.

Other partners running camps are Danijel Reckovic in Serbia (a three-day camp for forty young people), Plamen Borisov (youth camps in various locations in Bulgaria) and Ruslan Telpiz in Moldova.

Mission made possible

by Diane, Pat and Lesley of Hillview Church, Gloucester

“I’ve packed my Marigolds!” announced Lesley. I knew then that we would not be washing up.

It was 4:00 a.m. and we were approaching Heathrow, rather nervous about what God had in store for us as we served at the Touching the Hem of His Garment conference.

Our partnership with Mission Possible Bulgaria began in 2009 when a group of men from Hillview Church, Gloucester made the first trip to Dobromirka. Roumen Ivanov of MPB recalled how he and the team dreamed dreams: “This is the miracle all the time; we dream something, it happens!” The men returned transformed, other teams followed and the partnership was established.

Arriving at Dobromirka, we were warmly welcomed by the MPB team. The ladies attending the course were a diverse group. The prayer was “that these women, who arrived with lead in their hearts, would leave with the Holy Spirit in their wings.” We were blessed to witness the shoots of this transformation, both in the ladies and in ourselves.

On the final day, we had the privilege of visiting three Roma villages and were welcomed by some familiar faces.

We were overwhelmed by what God had done since our

last trip: churches had grown; children were clean, bright-eyed and attending school; and two Christian girls, radiant with spiritual life and passion, were running a literacy programme for their community, studying at university and acting as role models for the next generation.

So, what did we learn? While the Marigolds may have come in handy, God required just two things of us; to be willing and to be obedient. We trust that he will continue to use what we have learnt through our partnership with MPB, to transform our lives and our church.



If you are interested in going
on a trip please email
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Top: Roumen Ivanov of MPB with Angeline and Bogamira, who lead the Sunday School at Pevsite; Main: A mother and child from Pevsite village.

Introducing new partners in the Balkans

by Ken Millwood, TEN Partners Officer

Over the past few years TEN has intentionally strengthened our relationships with existing partners and started to build connections with some new ones (Zoom has helped with this!) These short profiles are to introduce three new partners in Albania and North Macedonia.

KATERINA KOLEVA, SEAM, NORTH MACEDONIA

Katerina Koleva says, "Since I was a child I always found it very interesting to study the Bible. I would gather with my friends, and we would read from old, damaged New Testaments.

"When I went to study at university I came across SEAM (Student Evangelical Association of Macedonia). At that time the love and fire for diving deep in the scriptures reminded me for what I used to do as a child and very soon I became one of the most active students, who would lead Bible discussions and organise events and gatherings.

"I am now leading SEAM as General Secretary. Our main focus is reaching out to students through different events, visiting student dormitories and connecting with students while sharing coffee, street evangelism at the campus, libraries and parks, personal evangelism and creating an online platform for podcast and videos on relevant topics."

Katerina is married to Mihail (a.k.a. Mile), who heads up Royal Rangers in North Macedonia. They have two young children.



ARTUR TUSHI, ALBANIA

Artur Tushi, known as Turi, is the leader of the evangelical churches in Berat and Kucove. Turi is married to Noku, and they have four boys. Every January the churches pray and fast to seek God's will and direction.

In February 2021, in collaboration with a medical clinic, they did an outreach in the village of Lumas. Turi reports, "A man who was present was very stressed and upset. His face was very sad. After receiving the [medical] service and prayer he went home and after thirty minutes, he returned. But this time he was different. He had changed his clothes, was cleansed and his face shone with joy. We were all overjoyed when we saw what a change the presence of God brings."



EMIL AND VESNA PUZDRELIEVI, NORTH MACEDONIA

As a newlywed couple, from 2011 to 2014, Emil and Vesna attended Bible school at the International School of Theology and Leadership (ISTL), in Tirana, Albania.

In their words, "During our time in Albania, God put the town of Struga on our hearts. Living among Albanians for three years, we knew that Albanians would continue to stay a vital part of our lives." In November 2014 they moved to Struga, on the border with Albania, and a pioneering, church planting process was started. By God's grace and provision a few years later they secured a church property in the town centre. Emil was officially ordained as the pastor of Struga Evangelical Church in November 2021.

Emil and Vesna say, "Our hearts desire is to bring hope to the hopeless, a sense of purpose and a way out of the monotony of their existence. We believe that God has many great things in store for our church, for this town and the entire region."

Harvest for the Hungry feedback 2021

by Ken Millwood, TEN Partners Officer

SUMMARY

Harvest for the Hungry (Hfth) grants were sent out in November 2021 to our partners. Grants ranged from 440 euros to 3,500 euros depending on the size of their project. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, TEN was able to fully fund eighteen of these projects and part-fund eight more.

1,050 food parcels were distributed, and 200 hot meals were provided for a total of 1,150 children and 1,100 adults by our partners across nine countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania and Serbia).

SELECTED STORIES, FEEDBACK AND QUOTES FROM PARTNERS:

BULGARIA

With your help, we distributed food packages to thirty families.

In the Covid crisis, many people lost their jobs and others became exhausted due to the drastic rise in prices. Until recently, a bottle of oil cost BGN 3, but now it is BGN 6. In the packages we put flour, rice, oil, sausage, spaghetti, sugar, waffles, chocolate, lutenitsa, lentils and [other items]. Extremely timely help that proves God's love and care to people.

We thank God and you for the love that has committed us to serve one another in sacrifice.



KOSOVO

This grant was used to distribute food packages to 150 families in need.

Jasha's Story (from BPZ Mercy Ministries, Kosovo):

Jasha is a man with a warm heart. A disease that runs in his family has slowly taken his sight. Today he is completely blind and raises his one child with his wife. This disease has left him unable to provide for his family, which has worsened their poverty. No one in the family works. They received a small apartment with little financial aid from the government. Even though without sight and poor, Jasha keeps a big smile on his face and wants to do everything he used to before. At times, there is a pain in his face whenever he has to give up trying to help and let his daughter [Mira] take over. But regardless of their poverty and Jasha's blindness, they have never given up hope. There is so much joy in this family. They constantly talk about how grateful they are to receive a food package monthly. They say it is a long-awaited relief.



BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

We delivered twelve food parcels to twelve families.

People were blessed to receive these parcels and since this was their first time in touch with evangelical Christians they showed interest to know more about us and our faith. One family was especially blessed since they had had a car accident recently and they felt much love as we gave them a food parcel.

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