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A NEW *Season*

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A new season

A few months ago, the staff team met to discuss content for this edition of Connect. We felt a real sense of fresh starts—summer camps happening again after being cancelled due to the pandemic, new staff, new partners, and new resources. There is no doubt, we are stepping into a new season. Little did we realise that in just over a month's time, we would experience the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. It brings a different meaning to our theme.



We want to dedicate this edition of Connect to our late Queen. She was a remarkable lady; the world's longest serving monarch who succeeded to the throne unexpectedly, at the age of twenty-five, following the passing of her father, King George VI. Queen Elizabeth II's life was marked by her commitment to her duty and her people. She was a committed Christian with a heart for the nations. There is much we can learn from Queen Elizabeth's life. We send our sincere condolences to her family and our prayers are particularly with her eldest son, King Charles III.

It is a new season. There is an unprecedented demand for support as the cost of living increases and the war in Ukraine continues. But like our dear late Queen Elizabeth II, we ultimately serve a risen and faithful saviour whose kingdom reigns forever and he is faithful. We trust that as you read the stories of answered prayers at summer camps, lives transformed through thirty years of Harvest for the Hungry, you will be encouraged by the goodness of our Heavenly King.

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Welcome



...And the gates of hell will not prevail.

Jesus was speaking to Peter. Those words are also for us today.

Reflecting on my summer trip to Moldova I am struck by the truth of Jesus' words. Moldova faces many challenges; a war on its doorstep, unprecedented numbers of refugees coming and staying in the country, a very dry summer which threatens their crops, political instability, and inflation of over 30%!

And yet weaved into this challenging narrative, God is at work through the partners you pray for and support. Churches serve together like never before to show hospitality and love to refugees from Ukraine. God's people open their arms with a generosity that defies the gravity of their own situation, and children come to faith at youth camps. The psalmist writes, 'the nations rage, the kingdoms totter,' and yet God is in the midst of these challenges.

Listening to partners in Moldova and other nations in the Balkans, I know many are tired by the last few years and yet they remain committed to serve God where they are with what they have.

I find our partners' example a challenge, and the stories in this issue of Connect an encouragement to remain hopeful, as together we serve God in uncertain times. God whose plan is unchanged. God who is still building his church.

Thank you for the part you play as co-workers in the Balkans and Eastern Europe.

James Vaughton, CEO, TEN

P.S. Have a good read of our latest Essential Gifts catalogue and get your orders in early!

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Summer Camps

DAVID TELPIZ, GOTEСТИ BAPTIST CHURCH, MOLDOVA

Summer camps are such a blessing. Every year we have lots and lots of children and teenagers to share the gospel with.

This year I had the pleasure of being involved in a camp every single week, and I found it amazing. Seeing that much work being done in the Name of Jesus—leaders serving, children and teenagers giving their life to Christ, having fun together, inviting them after the camp to youth meetings or Sunday school, and trying to connect with each of them for a long-term relationship.

I think it is safe to say that through summer camps we have young people to work with throughout the year!

I have to say it is hard and time-consuming trying to run one but seeing the happiness on their faces and getting more people to Christ is totally worth it.



VJEKO MRSIC, GOOD NEWS CHURCH, SPLIT, CROATIA

As for many years, this year we have witnessed God's blessings through camp ministry. This summer, we started with the weekend for married couples.

It was amazing to see renewed and healed marriages. Some campers wrote letters of appreciation to their parents, after many years of broken relationships with them.

On Kids' Kamp, we had the pleasure of having a few kids from

non-believing parents and they were the first ones to come up front for prayer and to give their lives to Jesus.

We can also testify to seeing parents who used to come to camp many years ago, bring their children to this year's camp; a second generation of kids being reached at Camp Fokus.

Thank you for your prayers and investment in the lives of people in Croatia.



PLAMEN BORISOV, SHALOM CHURCH, SEVLIEVO, BULGARIA

We sent two young people to a camp in Dobromirka, run by Mission Possible Bulgaria.

The theme was 'Trusting in God' and I was invited to speak about how to trust God when life is difficult. We also sent children to

a camp in Kavlak to learn about 'David - From Shepherd to King.' The children explored different

moments in David's life, such as courage, revenge, forgiveness, and friendship. This was the first time they went to camp and they were encouraged to go next year.

At each camp, we had a volunteer from our church on team. We organised travel for all the young people. TEN provided half the funds through match funding. We as a church, including parents of the young campers have been praying for funding for the camps, due to huge inflation in Bulgaria. So, this really is an answer to prayer.



RACHEL LEE, ELIM KEYNSHAM CHURCH AND TEN AMBASSADOR

Three years have passed since CASA Grace in Oradea, Romania hosted summer camps due to the pandemic. The CASA team worked alongside a UK team, mainly from partner church, Elim Keynsham to host thirty children and nineteen teenagers.

Rachel Lee reports:

"It is a remarkable thing to see people from different backgrounds; different gifting and experiences unite together, and see God move in amazing ways. Besides the games, sports, and splatting team leaders with wet sponges we were able to share the wonderful gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"One young girl many of us had been praying for had been very challenging on previous camps. This year she was

so different, so interested in hearing about God's truth and we heard she was now going to church and was baptised.

"Neli, of the CASA team writes, 'This camp means a lot for many of the children. They had so much fun and they felt loved. Especially the children who came from dysfunctional families of which there were many. They had the opportunity to hear about the one who loves them the most, our Great Heavenly Father, who is able to take care of them.'"



A learning experience

Allan Spencer, TEN Trustee

An unusual combination of summer camp, English language teaching and puppetry workshops provided a time filled with laughter, learning and purpose.

Created and lead by Pastor Dragan Manev in North Macedonia, the mission gave adults and young people from Resen and the surrounding area the opportunity to get involved in a unique event that harnessed the abilities of the online TEnTeach team, led by Nick Clarke with support from volunteer teacher Graham Owen, alongside the performance skills of the Signpost Puppet Theatre, from Keynsham, near Bristol. In conjunction with other TEn Partners in neighbouring Bitola and Prilep, a number of often impromptu language classes were also set up.

Dragan explained, "Investing especially in the young is really important, so I decided to organise a short summer camp where, with the support of the TEnTeach team, children and teenagers could have the opportunity to develop their English language skills through reading and studying specific Bible passages. In addition, I also invited puppeteers Allan and Jane Spencer who ran workshops so we could

form our own specific puppet team that I'm sure with a little more practice, will be ready to go into schools to evangelise this Christmas. In every way the week far exceeded what I could have hoped for."

Designed not only for people with faith, but also for those exploring Christianity for the first time, the mission provided a valuable introduction into what TEn in partnership can provide locally. The newly formed puppet team of adults and teenagers from the Roma community made such remarkable progress that by the end of only a week's training, they were confident and competent to deliver their first live puppet performance to their own Friday night youth group.

Photo top: Dragan Manev (top row), Anita and Tefik Musoski and Allan Spencer (front row) with the church team from the Roma church in Bitola.

Photo bottom: Bottom: Graham Owen leads an English class.



TENteach gets personal

Nick Clarke, TEN Country Champion for Moldova

TENteach was originally envisaged as an online English teaching platform using the Bible. But in the summer of 2022, volunteers from the TENteach team were invited to attend in person, to assist with English classes at holiday camps and clubs for children which were organised by partner churches in both Moldova and North Macedonia.

This was a completely new venture, and it gave us the opportunity to share teachings about Jesus face to face, whilst helping people to practice and improve their English.

In North Macedonia, TENteach volunteers Graham Owen and I ran lessons alongside puppet workshops which were provided by two other TEN volunteers, Allan and Jane Spencer. The holiday clubs were attended by children and adults from the local area, many from the Roma community.

We were pleased and encouraged by the enthusiasm of the people we met, who were eager to take part in everything. Although TENteach is an online programme, this mission week was a great opportunity for Graham and I to deliver face to face training to many, both young and old, and for us to try out our teaching material before we go live in September.

Graham Owen added, "The whole week was really fun in helping people develop their English language skills such that I hope that many will now go on to enrol with the online TENteach project to develop their English further."

TENteach has launched online. Please pray for students and teachers as they meet together to learn English. Pray especially that God will use TENteach to bring many people into his family.



Further information on TENteach, including how you can become an online teacher, can be found at www.tenteach.org

Graham Owen takes students through the English alphabet.

Engaging a New Generation

For the Nations, our new six-session Bible study resource, to help your church, youth group or small group engage in God's plan for the nations, is now available.

This resource will:

- help develop a worldwide perspective of the church.
- build a meaningful link with people from a church in another nation.
- start to develop relationships that could lead to teams visiting other nations.
- ignite a passion for worldwide mission in a new generation.

The programme:

- has been designed to be used by groups of any age or mixed ages. You can therefore apply it within a youth, student or home group setting.
- includes sessions introducing and exploring mission, using Zoom to facilitate interaction between groups in the UK and overseas, and encourages participants to think about what they might do in response.



Request your copy of For the Nations here: ten-uk.org/for-the-nations

If you would like a hard copy, please call the office on 0117 961 5161.

You're hired!

Following the departure of Bob Northey as our Communications Officer and Naomi Greenwood taking on the role, we have recruited two new staff to help develop the work of our partners in the coming years.

We are really pleased to welcome Moira Ruff as our new Finance Administrator. Moira started working part-time in late July. She will be working with James 'Chilli' Chilcott, who has also taken on responsibility for managing our data, following Bob's retirement.



We are also really pleased to welcome Lucy Reid to the TEN team as our Mission Engagement Worker. Lucy joins us following a year working with YWAM. Her role is full-time. The primary focus is to support our efforts to engage a new generation in God's purposes in Eastern Europe and the Balkans. Lucy will also support the work of engaging partners and supporters, alongside Ken Millwood and Melanie Griffiths.



If you want to get in touch with either new team member, please give the office a call or send a friendly email to moira.ruff@ten-uk.org or lucy.reid@ten-uk.org. We thank God for bringing Moira and Lucy to TEN. Please can you be praying for them both as they settle in, and for the whole team as we go through this period of change.

HEART Cry

Prayer requests
from across Europe

October – December 2022

ten-uk.org/pray

— OCTOBER 2022 —

DUSAN & MIRA BEREDI SERBIA



- 1 We are running a big training event 1-3 October for people who work with addicts. During group sessions, we will present materials from Teen Challenge. The theme is 'Living Free'.
- 2 Pray for wisdom in our work with alcoholics and drug addicts and how we can encourage their spiritual growth. There are always twenty addicts at the rehabilitation centre fighting for freedom.
- 3 Please pray that God will open the door, so that the moving business we operate to finance our ministry with addicts will provide enough income to finance the work completely.

KATERINA KOLEVA NORTH MACEDONIA



- 4 We will reach out to new students, believers, and non-believers at the start of this academic year. Please pray for our outreach.

TOMISLAV & LIDIJA DOBUTOVIC BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA



- 5 The Hope for Europe conference will take place from today until 8th October in Sarajevo. Pray the time spent with our brothers and sisters will be fruitful and a blessing.

ICO MATULIC CROATIA



- 6 We have just held a marriage seminar in Split, together with Split Baptist Church and Relaunch Ministries. Pray for God to work in the lives of all who attended.
- 7 Pray for next week's conference in Capljina, Bosnia and Herzegovina. We will join other churches in the area; our church's worship team will participate and I will be one of the speakers.
- 8 Stefan and Viktorija—believers from our church—will get married on 16th. We pray for the wedding preparations and for the guests who will hear the gospel, as they are mostly unbelievers.

9 Next month, I will speak at an Alpha training event in Zagreb for church leaders. I am also involved in organising the event, together with Alpha International. Please pray for this event.

10 In December, we will start an Alpha course at church. Please pray for those invited to respond to the good news and accept Jesus as saviour for their life.

DRAGAN & BILJANA MANEV **NORTH MACEDONIA**

11 As we meet people through joining in with the apple harvest in Resen, pray that God would lead us to new people for our church to engage with.



EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF **MACEDONIA** **NORTH MACEDONIA**

12 This month, we are hosting a church seminar titled, Relaunch Your Marriage. It is for couples who participate or work in the church ministry. Pray for how God will speak to us.

13 Today marks the start of the two-day Global Leadership Summit for students, held in Shtip. We pray for a blessed time.



EMANUEL HOSPICE **ROMANIA**

14 Pray for Dr Daniela Dic, a paediatrician who starts her two-year training in Palliative Medicine this month, to become a paediatric palliative care consultant.



15 Please pray for the group of professionals who will represent Emanuel Hospice at the National Conference of Palliative Care in Brasov on 20-22 October.

MISSION POSSIBLE ALBANIA **ALBANIA**



16 We are working hard to train, equip and empower a group of volunteers, so we can serve together for the Kingdom. We need wisdom, perseverance, and discernment. Please pray for Denisa, Juliana, Kleada, Sara, Arditi, Klajadi, Ergest and Marleo.

17 For several months, we have been waiting on the courts to administrate Besa's resignation as Executive Director and Gjergji's appointment to that role. Pray the courts will get this done so we can fully focus on our work.

MIRCEA & RONELA CRISTIAN **ROMANIA**

18 We need new volunteers to support our prison programmes. Those who have served in the past are getting old and have stopped coming.

19 Our desire is that the Ukrainian refugees who are currently living in our offices would know Christ. They seem to want to stay longer, so pray for wisdom for us as we take care of them.

20 Please pray for strength and health as we oversee the work and look to organise a small conference for our coordinators.

21 We want to have in-person programmes in the prisons again. Please pray for the doors to open to us.

22 Pray that at least five inmates receive salvation through our programmes every month!



VASILE & MARIA GRIGORITA **MOLDOVA**

23 Please pray for good preparations of the Christmas activities.



- 24 After Ukraine, Moldova is the country most affected by the war. Please pray for pastors and their families to be able to get through the new economic crisis which has hit us.
- 25 Please remember our outreach missions and homegroups. In the context on the new wave of Covid they have announced, we still want to organise and have them if we can.
- 26 Pray for opportunities to help socially vulnerable families, so we can help them get through the coldest season of the year.

RUSLAN & LARISA TELPIZ MOLDOVA



- 27 May the Lord take care of us! We have severe drought in Moldova. I think we will have a hard year, as there is not any harvest in the fields.
- 28 Please pray for our ministries.
- 29 We need new workers and volunteers for our Day Care Centre. Pray that God would provide the right people soon.
- 30 We would like to start a new ministry providing meals for poor people. May the Lord provide us with everything we need.
- 31 As the cold season, approaches, pray that God provides a means for people to heat their houses. Everything is expensive and I think many people will come to us for firewood.

— NOVEMBER 2022 —

KATERINA KOLEVA NORTH MACEDONIA



- 1 Please pray for our Mission Week in Skopje, which starts today and finishes on 5th November.

- 2 We are leading a series of seminars, talks and workshops for students and young people this month (21-27) in several towns across the country. The subject is human trafficking and prostitution. Please pray for our outreach among the students.
- 3 We will host a Christmas event next month. We will invite people to our evening talk as we give out free coffee. Please pray that many would come.

DUSAN & MIRA BEREDI SERBIA



- 4 4-6 November, I (Dusan) will speak at the Roma Bible School about the environment and our attitude towards it. It is a completely new topic for the listeners and I need wisdom.
- 5 We are preparing for a series of evangelistic events next month and in January. Pray for guidance and for God to prepare people's hearts.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF MACEDONIA NORTH MACEDONIA



- 6 We will have a two-day conference with Gary Wilkerson, Nicky Cruz, and Carter Conlon at the end of the month. On the last evening, we will have a traditional Macedonian evangelism event.
- 7 Praise God that many unreached children experienced the privilege of hearing the gospel at the summer camps. Please keep them in your prayers.
- 8 Through the summer camps, God is raising new young leaders that have an interest in engaging more with God's harvest field.

- 9 We are thankful to God that we were able to raise all of the money needed to purchase the church building in Kochani.
- 10 We praise God for the baptisms and for all our brothers and sisters who have received Christ into their hearts.

VANCE & TANJA GOLOMEOVI SERBIA



- 11 We urgently need to finish the church renovation, to use the building in its entirety, as well as concentrate on more spiritual work. We have experienced delays, difficulties with people and big price increases.
- 12 Please pray for Pozarevac and the surrounding cities where we have mission churches. Pray also for our small student groups to develop into new churches.
- 13 We would love to see people (believers and non-believers) learn the value of praying to Jesus, by coming to our prayer meetings, knowing that as Christians, we are Christ's body.
- 14 My heart is to spend time with people, especially those who struggle with all kinds of addiction. Pray these people would have complete healing and find Jesus Christ.
- 15 Pray that God provides for our every need. We are really struggling with finances to pay the rent and for our food each month.

EVANGELISIMO EN ACCIÓN SPAIN



- 16 Last month, the growing church in Torremolinos was visited by a missionary couple to support them in pastoral care. Pray for the church's encouragement.

- 17 Pray for the short-term missionary teams that are developing the pioneering work in Málaga province.
- 18 The current EEA team are in need of new people, with a fresh and broad vision to respond to the current times and opportunities. Please pray for God's provision.
- 19 Please pray that as EEA's pioneer work grows, there will be a strengthening of cooperation between the network of established churches.
- 20 Pray for the leadership of our EEA camp ministry, that we would have a renewed team.

FETIJE HALILI ALBANIA



- 21 We are thankful to God for healing some church members from Covid-19 and other illnesses. We still need prayer for physical healing for those who are currently sick.
- 22 Please pray that God will provide the right place at the right time for a new church plant in Bathore. We ask that God also provides the finances for the new church.
- 23 We ask for God's spiritual fire in our two churches.
- 24 Please remember our young people, as they need God's protection from worldly things.
- 25 Pray God provides someone to help at our church full-time.
- 26 Give thanks that despite living in difficult times and going through lots of challenges, church members are sharing lots of testimonies that God is working in their lives.

ANDREI & EUGENIE GHIDION
MOLDOVA



- 27 Please pray for the home outreach events taking place this month.
- 28 Pray for our organisation of the home groups and that we can continue to meet with people afterwards.
- 29 Please pray for our church autumn and winter events.
- 30 Please pray for the church to be more active during this period of crisis. We have many refugees from Ukraine and Moldova is also experiencing severe drought.

— DECEMBER 2022 —

MISSION POSSIBLE ALBANIA
ALBANIA



- 1 We ask that God provides a place of our own, with enough indoor space to conduct various activities with young people. We would like to have enough outdoor spaces for the different age groups to spend time together.
- 2 Please pray the Church will realise the importance of work with young people. We need them to recognise the struggles faced by young people, to discern and know how to defeat the enemy.
- 3 Pray that God provides one or two more workers at MPA. May God give us wisdom to find the right people.

DRAGAN & BILJANA MANEV
NORTH MACEDONIA



- 4 Pray for the economic situation in North Macedonia.

- 5 We are having puppet shows in the second half of December to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Please pray that many people would receive this wonderful message.

DANNY & VERA KURANJI
SERBIA



- 6 Praise God for the amazing way he keeps providing for the Rainbow Rehabilitation Centre.
- 7 As the cold weather starts, many addicts will seek shelter from the streets and want to get their life in order. We want to welcome them with the gospel—the best news they could ever hear.
- 8 This is not an easy ministry and leaders can get depressed and frustrated. May God continue to give us all enthusiasm and fire as we allow the Holy Spirit to minister to the leaders.
- 9 Pray for daily protection for the men who work at our removals business. They spend several hours moving, delivering, and lifting heavy and delicate furniture. It can be a challenge.
- 10 May the Holy Spirit work in the hearts of all that listen to the teaching of the Word each day. May this bear lasting fruit in their hearts and many others.

TOMISLAV & LIDIJA DOBUTOVIC
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA



- 11 We are having a special Christmas concert and giving out Christmas shoe boxes through Operation Christmas Child. Pray this would bless many people with the good news of Jesus.
- 12 We continue our partnership with ComPass 071 to serve Ukrainian refugees in the camps at Usivak, Blazuj and Bihac. Please pray for this work.

- 13 Please pray for the ladies who attend our craft workshops. We long to see them commit their lives to Christ.
- 14 We need prayers for leadership in the Church of Sarajevo. We long to see more Bosnians involved as more people move away to other countries.
- 15 Pray for us and those we serve as we distribute firewood and food. TEN's WinterHelp appeal has helped to fund this work.

EMANUEL HOSPICE ROMANIA



- 16 Pray for the building works which started this autumn at the hospice centre. Pray for the building company, for quality work and for the resources needed to build this part of the centre.
- 17 Pray for the hospice patients receiving care at this time, that they will find comfort, dignity and peace with God and experience blessing by the care they receive at Emanuel Hospice.
- 18 Pray for God's protection for our staff as they visit patients in Oradea and the surrounding villages. Pray that they will bring blessings, peace, hope, joy, and the good news of Christ to each home.

DARIO & SILVIJA KAPIN BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA



- 19 Please pray for new ways of reaching out to the people of Zenica.
- 20 We hope for a new space to gather as a church in Zenica. Please pray that God would provide this.
- 21 We have made a lot of contacts in Derventa through our mission work. Pray that God will make this work flourish.
- 22 Pray for all the work we need to do at the apiary.

- 23 Please pray for us as a family; remember our daughters Rut and Debora, and Debora's husband, Danijel.

VALERIU & ANGELA MUNTEANU MOLDOVA



- 24 Please pray that the local authorities, such as the mayor and Orthodox priests will have open minds and hearts towards our ministry.
- 25 Pray for the activities we want to organise for young people.
- 26 We need more workers to spread the gospel.
- 27 Pray that God would open hearts and minds to receive the good news of Jesus Christ.

ROBERT & KRASI SALAMANOV NORTH MACEDONIA



- 28 Pray for us as we share the gospel in Radovich, through our outreach with a group in the city and our visits to the miners in Buchim.
- 29 A new group of teenage girls are attending our creative workshops and learning about decoupage. Please remember them in your prayers.
- 30 We are visiting a prison which holds young male addicts. Please pray that the inmates would receive the gospel.
- 31 As we support families by providing food parcels, pray that we can share the good news of Jesus with them too and that they will trust in him.

Bangor Worldwide

This August, TEN had a great time at Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention in Northern Ireland. Lucy, our Mission Engagement Worker joined us and had her first day alongside Melanie Griffiths and Jeff Stevenson.

Bangor Worldwide was founded in 1937 by Mr Herbert J Mateer, with the aim of promoting world mission. It is interdenominational, international and evangelical. TEN has been going to BWW since 2016, when a supporter invited us along. In 2019, James Vaughton was a guest speaker. It has been a great source of new connections and contacts for TEN over the last six years and we're made to feel so welcome, especially by members of Trinity Presbyterian Church who provide hospitality. Northern Ireland Ambassador, Jeff Stevenson, connected with TEN through the convention, and ever since, has done a fantastic job connecting with churches in the area.



Lucy, Melanie and Jeff at BWW. Photo credit Bangor Worldwide.

New Website

In June, we were delighted to launch our new website, after lots of hard work from our previous Communications Officer, Bob Northey, James, Chilli, Ken, Melanie and graphic designer, Simon Petherick, who produces much of our publicity, including this magazine!

The website has been given a fresh new look and we have simplified content to make it easier for you to find out more about our network of partners, staff, volunteers and how you can get involved. Discover more about each partner, their ministry, the country they work in and the challenges they face. We also have information on our campaigns, how you can pray and some resources available, including our brand new 'For the Nations' six-week study for small groups.

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Building Financially Sustainable Ministry

In the last couple of years, we have helped fund the purchase of vans for a removals business in Serbia, fund polytunnels in Romania and issued a loan to help a soft play business provide income for a church. These projects have built local financial sustainability and strengthened ministry.

On 20th October 2022, Transform Europe Network will run an online web conference to inform and inspire more Christian leaders to consider how they can build more local financially sustainable ministry.

Sebastian Vaduva, who is Dean and Director of the Griffiths School of Management and IT within Emanuel

University in Oradea will provide our keynote talk. We will also have inspirational stories from Moldova, Serbia and Kosovo where Christian leaders have used business to strengthen and grow their ministries and see lives transformed by Jesus.

To find out more about how partners are building local financial sustainability, and to join our online conference, please email **james.vaughton@ten-uk.org** and we will provide you with details.



Sebastian Vaduva

New Church Partnership

We are delighted that a new church partnership has formed between St Barnabas Church, Cray and TEN partner Arben Bedulla in Albania.

Paul Lander of St Barnabas writes, 'The whole church has embraced this relationship with interest, prayer and support. We see this as a two-way relationship, and a great way to recognise our mutual partnership as part of God's worldwide church, enabling us to share in fellowship, and support one another in prayer, and where possible in practical support.'

Arben now leads the church in

Korce and is planting a new church in the largely muslim village of Zvezde, hoping to plant more churches in the future. His heart is to see people responding to the gospel and growing as disciples.

With the support of St Barnabas Cray, Arben has recently purchased a building in Zvezde for the church to meet. He writes, 'In Zvezde, I started with two people and after six years of ministry we have 35 adults and 60 children... I am training up people to be leaders in the future, those who have a heart for the people and have shown themselves willing to serve.'

If you'd like to know more about church partnerships, contact **melanie.griffiths@ten-uk.org**.

30 Years of Harvest for the Hungry – Derek's Story

Derek Wade started what is now known as Harvest for The Hungry (HfTH) during the Balkan War. In three decades, hundreds of thousands of parcels and hot meals worth over £2.5million have been provided!

In September 1993, Derek was appointed Director of 'EuroAid' at TEN, emphasising our humanitarian work. That autumn, following the siege of Sarajevo the previous year, TEN was able take a plane filled with vital aid into Zagreb. Derek reflects, "That airlift of food parcels was the beginning of an annual Harvest time project which has become 'Harvest for The Hungry'.

"That first year we filled half a truck from TEN (around 1,000

parcels). Almost every church and school in greater Kettering joined in. I'd write a letter,

visit to give a presentation in schools throughout the day and churches in the evenings. Schools and churches celebrate Harvest but often didn't really know how to focus their appeal, so when we presented the need, they were delighted to help!"

Soon annual deliveries were made to Russia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Kosovo, Albania, Bulgaria, North Macedonia, Serbia, Romania, Moldova and other countries.

Derek concluded: "When I started HfTH I had no idea that thirty years later it would still be needed. But with the similarities between what we started with in Bosnia and Kosovo, and the current invasion of Ukraine and the impact that is having on all eastern European countries, sadly I fear HfTH will be even more needed this year, and in the following years.

Extracts taken from a story by Paul Eddy. To read Derek's full story, visit www.harvestforthehungry.org

Photos: The UK team with parcels ready to go and grateful recipients of Harvest food parcels



Boris' story

Nesa Radeka, Novi Sad Nexus Church, Serbia

In 2010, Novi Sad Nexus Church in Serbia was just beginning. Pastor Nesa Radeka started visiting families with food parcels provided by TEN, as Serbia was under particular economic crisis at that time. Through this outreach, Nesa met Boris Pavlov who welcomed Nesa into his home.



Boris was divorced, unemployed, trying to raise his teenage daughter, and he bore the scars of alcoholism. Nesa says that Boris was "emotionally and spiritually devastated," but was "ready to listen and ask questions."

After a few months of visiting over a hundred families, the church invited those most open to the gospel to an Alpha course and Boris attended every session. At the end of the course, he committed his life to Christ and soon after, Nesa had the honour of baptising Boris.

Boris shared his faith with everyone around him. When Nesa visited, Boris excitedly shared another discovery from God's Word. So, Nesa encouraged Boris to preach at church and God used Boris' gifts as a journalist. His sermons were profound. Boris started a weekly Bible study at home and a few months later, there were two study groups. Nesa reports that God has used Boris to plant churches and change lives:

"Through one food parcel, sent over to us by TEN, not just Boris but so many through him discovered who they are in Christ. Food parcel is not about food. I can witness to that first-hand."



Watch Nesa's video, 'How one food parcel changed a life' at www.harvestforthehungry.org

Photos: Boris Pavlov (top),
Nesa Radeka with food parcels (bottom)

Ukraine update

24th August is Independence Day in Ukraine. This year, the same date marks exactly six months since Russia invaded the country and began their devastating campaign. It is a stark reminder that peace is not expected any time soon.

We have sent grants of £90k to partners, mainly in Moldova and Romania, but also Bulgaria, Montenegro and North Macedonia. There is more to send, thanks to your incredible generosity, and we are working with our partners strategically as they respond to immediate needs and plan for the future.

The Baptist Union of Moldova continue to run a centre for refugees in Chisinau, providing three meals a day and utilities for those who stay there. Beginning of Life, also in Moldova, continue to serve the needs of refugees through their programmes for children and families.

In southeast Romania, many refugees have moved on but some remain in the Constanta region.

The holiday season meant it became harder for hotels to provide accommodation, so refugees are staying in private homes and places like Rock of Ages centre. In a recent video call Elena Pascalau of Good News Church, Constanta impressed upon us the needs of children and young people from Ukraine, as schools restart. Education for these displaced and traumatised young people is something the church is working to respond to.

On a recent trip into Ukraine, one partner witnessed the destruction. He has identified two main needs. Firstly, basic food for the poorest, often Roma, communities. People are struggling to feed themselves. Those with money are okay but those who were poor before the war have little or nothing. Secondly, there is the ongoing need for medical supplies. These are expensive but vital.

In Bulgaria, Sofia Baptist Church continue their work hosting refugees. They are using a space owned by the church to give safe hospitality to Ukrainians.

Please pray for our partners as they work with TEN to establish a strategy for the future. Donations can be made to our **Crisis Fund** by post, the website or calling our office.



Matthew 25: Moldovan Support for Ukrainian Refugees

Nick Clarke, TEN Country Champion for Moldova

Did you or your church make a donation to our crisis fund? Do you wonder how our partners are using such gifts to provide practical help?

I was invited to Moldova to help with English at a summer camp. Whilst in Moldova, I was able to join James Vaughton for a few days and see some of the work that our partners are engaged in to support the large influx of refugees crossing the border from Ukraine.

We met pastors who were providing transport for people as they arrived across the border. We saw how local churches were using their camps and other buildings to provide accommodation for refugees, and volunteers from the churches were catering for the needs of the refugees.

We visited one of our partners, Beginning of Life, in Chisinau, led by Serghei Mihailov. Serghei showed us how goods donated by churches were used to create packs of essential items to give to needy refugee families.



They were also running a help and advice line for refugees. Beginning of Life are currently extending their building to create more space to serve refugees and continue their work in the community. TEN will support this building work using donations given to our Crisis Fund.



Photos: Pastors and leaders from our Partner Churches in Moldova (top), David Telpiz, Denis Chiosa, Ruslan Telpiz, Nick and James (bottom)

New ministry for young people in Kosovo

Ken Millwood, TEN Partners Officer

In the last issue I shared how TEN is intentionally building connections with new ministries in the Balkans. One of the relationships developed during the past year, in cooperation with Youth For Christ International (YFCI), is with Alban Krasniqi in Kosovo.

Alban is already known to us, being involved in ministry at Fellowship of the Lords People Church and Mercy Ministries. It was through a friend in the UK that Alban first heard about YFCI. Alban invited YFCI to come to Kosovo, and after meeting and hearing of Alban's heart for young people, YFCI invited him to set up Youth For Christ in Kosovo.

More than 45% of the country's population is under the age of thirty. According to research, around 85% of the local churches in Kosovo have young people in their churches but do not have any youth work. The vision is that every young person in Kosovo will have the chance to have a great experience with God. YFCI believes that the model they use around the world could easily be adapted for work in Alban's home country.

Alban says, "I personally desire and dream to see a change, not just in our churches but also in the nation among the young people. I believe that young people are the energy of the church. If we know how to [ignite that] fire, we can do many, many good things in the communities. They have the creativity, they have the energy, they have time, they have everything. We just need to find the right tool, the right moment for them."

Alban Krasniqi



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New Testaments were shared in Montenegro at a CEF teenagers club by workers Lazar and Isabella, who told us, "We are thankful to God for the opportunity to have this new translation of the Bible with this new design... [which is much easier to share] with people without them rejecting us. Montenegro is an Orthodox country where Orthodox literature is more accepted, where the cross on the cover of this bible is in the

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