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The Harvest is Plentiful

Last year, our partner Slavko Hadžić visited Bristol and called in to our office. Listening to Slavko mentioning other TEN partners, I remarked, "I love how you all know each other, even though you are working in different countries." Slavko didn't miss a beat, "Yes, because there are so few of us!" The harvest is plentiful, but we need to support God's people in Eastern Europe and the Balkans, especially as they are few in number.

With this issue of Connect we launch our 31st Harvest for the Hungry (HftH) appeal. It is through the practical love shown through HftH that our partners have had the opportunity to share the gospel.

Over the years, many have come to Christ because of HftH. In this edition, we also shed light on the faithful women God has called to lead ministries, from student outreach in North Macedonia, compassion ministry in Romania and evangelism and church planting in Albania.

We also want to acknowledge how much you are a vital part of our work. In April, a team of ladies from the UK supported Erion and Gentiana Cuni at their women's conference in Albania, bringing blessing and being blessed in return. We hear from Carol Partridge, who has been fundraising for TEN for many years, using her gifts and those opportunities to tell people about Christ.

Finally, I encourage you to engage with our Walk the Balkans 2023 Challenge. Read about gospel opportunities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Kosovo that you can pray for and support financially. Discover why people are taking on James's Trek Musala challenge, including our partner Bera. We hope that as you read on, God will speak to you about the amazing opportunities you can get involved in because the harvest really is plentiful.

Photo: TENteam ladies visit an Albanian village.



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Welcome



As of April 2023, I have visited all our partners. What a privilege! I have been able to gain some understanding of their circumstances as partners serve God through compassion, evangelism and church planting.

I still have much to learn, but one thing is clear; migration and depopulation are significant challenges for the church in the Balkans and Eastern Europe. I will not forget the empty towns I drove through in parts of Bulgaria last year. And yet, the Harvest is Plentiful. There are many who need to experience Christ's love and encounter Jesus.

But as Jesus goes on to say (Matthew 9:37-38), "the workers are few". TEN is doing what it can to support our partners to raise up new workers. TEN has supported new church planters, new leaders and ministries in the last few years. We are funding the training of leaders. But note Jesus' directive. He doesn't say, "try to fill all the gaps and do all you can". He says, "therefore pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out the workers."

We are called to pray to the one who 'owns the cattle on a thousand hills' (Psalm 50), to the Alpha and Omega, the one whose masterplan we are part of. We are to trust that as we look around and see the harvest, not to squeeze every bit out of the day, but to pray that God will send the workers.

As we approach harvest time and **TEN launches our 31st Harvest for the Hungry Appeal** please support the appeal. Please also pray as you do that God will send the workers, for the harvest is plentiful.

James Vaughton, CEO, TEN

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Thousands of people face a harsh winter without enough food. Bring them Harvest hope.

More Than a Food Parcel

By Ken Millwood, TEN Partners Officer

I was inspired by what Pastor Nesa Radeka in Serbia shared last year about the impact of one food parcel through Harvest for the Hungry.

For Boris it was the start of something much more than simply meeting his physical hunger; he was spiritually hungry as well. Boris attended an Alpha course, committed his life to Christ and was baptised. Then he started to share his faith with everyone around him.

Boris now leads two Bible study groups. Like Nesa shared, "Through one food parcel, sent over to us by TEN, not just Boris but so many through him discovered who they are in Christ." There are many others like Boris whose lives have been impacted by receiving a food parcel.

At our Harvest for the Hungry's 30th anniversary event, partner Slavko Hadžić told us, "I'm really thankful for TEN, for Harvest for the Hungry project, and it's amazing what with the help of supporters,



**Through
Harvest for the
Hungry grants sent
out in autumn 2022
you have helped an
estimated* 815 children
and 658 adults.**

**The final figures are not in
at the time of writing.*

Harvest for the Hungry accomplished and did in past thirty years... It's not hundreds, it's not thousands, there are tens of thousands of hungry people which were fed... So many are now saved and part of God's kingdom because God used Harvest for the Hungry project to draw them closer to himself."

Pastor Siniša Stojković in Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina told us, 'The food packages were for single families... we had twenty [of them] outside the church. These are mothers with children who are divorced, but whose fathers do not fulfil their obligations. They avoid paying [child support], but the state has no real laws to sanction them. Families live in very difficult social conditions... in an environment dominated by the Orthodox Church, our help is very noticeable.

'The families we helped are very positive about our church. They tell their friends about the care we have shown them. Some of them want to come to our Sunday services. We have shared the gospel with everyone, and they are very interested in things of a spiritual nature.'

Pastor Dusan Beredi in Novi Sad, Serbia reports, 'After the wave of inflation that swept our country where prices doubled, almost all bakeries stopped giving away stale pastries at the end of working hours and for the first time as a team we had the opportunity to see that people were truly hungry...

'Branka is on our [list] from the beginning. She is a former ballerina who is currently without a pension or regular income. During the summer, she sells flowers in the city centre and can survive for a month. During the winter there are no flowers she can pick and no income. Winter is very difficult for her. Help with food was necessary, that food was the only thing that she had to eat.'

To help TEN's partners
feed many hungry people
this coming winter you can
make a financial donation at
harvestforthehungry.org or you can
use the giving form featured on our flyer,
included with this edition of Connect.

Consider asking your church to hold a
service to raise funds for Harvest for the
Hungry. For many people, like Boris, a
food parcel is more than just food; it
will satisfy their spiritual hunger.



*Photos: A family helped with food in
Radovis, North Macedonia (left); Branka
the flower seller in Novi Sad*

Women Who Answer God's Call

Here are the stories of three women God called to serve Him in different leadership roles; how God called them, how they responded and their hopes as they continue in their journeys of faith.

By Fetija Halili

Pastor of Riverbank Church in Tirana, Albania

I want to tell you how God has used me for His kingdom. In 2003 I heard about Jesus for the first time and that year I accepted Him as my Saviour. I have no words to describe that moment. It was the happiest day of my life. Although I was a young believer, I was very thirsty for God's word.

One of the verses that touched my heart was Luke 19:10; "For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost". I wanted to share the gospel with all those who did not know about Jesus, because they were like lost sheep without Him. The following year I started a ministry with five children and two women in my house.

Spreading the gospel was not easy. I have been through many challenges and I could write a book about how I was challenged in evangelism. I have been discouraged many times but I have never taken my focus away from Christ.



I thank God for what He is doing in our church. God has blessed our church in every way.

Although in the beginning we were a small group of women, today under the guidance of the Holy Spirit we have three churches. The vision of my life is to make the name of Christ known and to plant as many churches as possible. I continue to share the gospel of Christ with the same passion as before. Now more than ever I want to evangelise because the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

I want to encourage everyone who is reading this testimony, never give up because God is always with you. He has promised us that he will be with us until eternity. **God bless you!**

By Katerina Koleva

Student Evangelical Association of
Macedonia (SEAM), Stip, North Macedonia

Most of the time when God calls people to serve Him it is not with a sound of a trumpet or a voice from Heaven, but it is with His gentle and easy voice. That is how I experienced God calling me to serve among the student generation in Macedonia.

Ever since, God has led me through 'small doors'. I have never experienced the big and extraordinary achievements nor the spectacular happenings. Rather, I always count the meaningful conversations with the students, mentoring them, providing them a platform where they can grow in their faith and then share this among their peers.



I consider how the training of my staff and colleagues has enabled us to do better work.

I spiritually grew and matured with the student ministry, but I also gained new skills. I learned how to lead better and how to be a serving leader. My hopes for the future are that the student generation we are investing in will reap the harvest and will serve better than we do!



Photos: Katerina Koleva with husband Mile (top); SEAM Missions Week 1 & 2 (bottom)

By Monika Mahr

Director of CASA Grace, Oradea, Romania

It will be twenty years in October, since I answered God's call to serve through CASA Grace. I will never forget how clearly He called me by name, and I can witness that these years are a journey with God, growing in faith and receiving the opportunity to show His love and care for the ones who are going through hard times, without knowing Him, the Saviour.

Each year, as I stand in front of God and ask His plan for us, He underlines the need for us to draw close to the orphans, the sick and the ones that are going through hard times. I still remember at the beginning of my journey at CASA Grace, funds were decreased and I had to figure out what to do quickly. God gave me His peace through the verse from Exodus 14:14 "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

Ideas, thoughts and energy came from the Lord and we were able to continue to serve even more people. Because of all of you precious friends, we see lives changed.

It is so encouraging to hear the testimony of a loving young father with two small children and a wife, who is faithfully serving in church after [enduring] years of childhood filled with sickness, poverty and abuse. It is great to see how God becomes the Saviour of an orphan girl, who has been full of anger, because her father decided to take his own life. The list is long for those that need to meet Him as their Saviour, and there are many precious ones who find Him, through the love showed to them.

Times of uncertainty, raising prices and wars do not bring fear into our hearts and it's great to accept that we can be still as He is fighting for each precious person we are in contact with. The call not to fear is said 365 times in the Bible. God pointed this out to me at the beginning of this year and as He shows me every time, He knows far ahead what I need. I stand in front of God and thank Him that He is Almighty and Saviour. May we be able to see the fruits of our work and be prepared and strengthened to meet the ones that are in real need of Him.

Photos: Monika Mahr (top); Children blessed by the work of CASA Grace (left).



HEART Cry

Prayer requests from across Europe

July – September 2023

ten-uk.org/pray

— JULY 2023 —

RUSLAN & LARISA TELPIZ MOLDOVA



- 1 Please pray for our summer camps for the young people.
- 2 On 16th July we will host William Graham, Billy Graham's grandson, at an evangelism event. Pray for an abundant harvest from the people of Gostesi, Chircani and Tiganca.

VASILE GRIGORITA MOLDOVA



- 3 We begin our day camp for children today until Saturday. Please ask for God's blessings.
- 4 Praise God we could share the gospel over Easter. Thank you for your strong support in prayer - we feel their strength. We gave out over 1,000 gospel tracts to the local people.
- 5 Next Friday, there is a national evangelistic event, which runs over the weekend. Join us to pray that more people will come to repentance and begin a new life in Christ.
- 6 Next month we plan to have an outreach event. We will celebrate baptisms

on 13th August. Thank God for His goodness and pray that many will put their trust in Him.

MISSION POSSIBLE BULGARIA BULGARIA



- 7 From tomorrow until Thursday, we host our Children's Christian Intercultural Camp. We expect eighty children from Bulgarian, Roma and Turkish backgrounds. Pray that God will fill them with faith and encouragement.
- 8 Later this month, we host our Christian Camp for teenagers. We expect eighty children from Bulgarian, Roma and Turkish backgrounds. Pray that God will fill them with faith and a desire to do good works.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF MACEDONIA NORTH MACEDONIA



- 9 Please pray for all the baptisms that will happen in our churches over the summer.
- 10 Today, we begin our Royal Rangers camp for young people. We will have activities, Bible teachings and will share the gospel. Please pray for all the young people and their parents.

11 Pray for the team that will travel to Turkey to deliver donations of food and hygiene packs for people affected by the earthquakes. Despite the terrible situation, God has opened doors widely for the gospel to be shared.

12 From next month until 1st October, over twenty of our churches will receive mission teams from the USA in partnership with churches there. There will be many gospel outreach events in over thirty places across Macedonia.

DUSAN & MIRJANA BEREDI
SERBIA



13 This week, we are having our English evangelistic camp for young people. Pray for good organisation, a great experience and a lasting impact.

14 Pray for Hand for a Friend, our work with the homeless. It is more challenging in summer to resist alcohol and addiction. Pray our friends continue to come to church and stay strong.

15 At the start of next month, we will have our teenagers' camp and later in August, we will have Royal Rangers leaders' training. Please pray for God's blessings.

16 We are hosting a big children's festival 29th–31st August. We decided to have a festival instead of a camp so we can have a bigger impact. Pray for maximum impact.

VALERIU MUNTEANU
MOLDOVA



17 Pray for us to be a good witness in our village and that we would not be discouraged when we don't see results. Pray for wisdom as we discuss the gospel with Orthodox believers.

18 We want to grow our children's ministries—we would love to host a camp this month and we also need a Sunday School teacher. Pray that the children would be open to the gospel.

ALBAN KRASNIQI
KOSOVO



19 Last month we had our Days of Hope activities in Kacanik for over three hundred people. Pray that God blesses those who came.

20 Pray for Drita as she leads the first Superwoman clubs in Gjakova. Pray that God provides her with the right team and that the teenage girls who join the clubs will be blessed.

21 Please pray for our youth camp this month.

DRAGAN & BILJANA MANEV
NORTH MACEDONIA



22 We are prayerfully planning to start a business to sustain and bless our ministry, our family and believers from Macedonia. Pray God will bless us with wisdom and ideas.

23 5th–6th August we hope to have meetings with the local young people in our area. We will worship God, enjoy fellowship and share the gospel. Pray for revival among the young people.

24 Today we are hosting our English summer camp near Resen. We have invited approximately thirty young people from the local area. Please pray for them.

25 20th–21st September, we will share the gospel in Resen. Pray for open hearts. One of our events will take place in a restaurant so we hope that many people will come.

KATERINA KOLEVA
NORTH MACEDONIA



- 26** This month we are having our Summer National Conference. Pray for it to be a time of blessing, inspiration and encouragement.
- 27** We are preparing for the new academic year to witness to students and encourage young believers. Next month, we will have staff training. Please pray for God to guide and equip us.

VLADIMIR & MARLJANA
CIZMANSKI
MONTENEGRO



- 28** Please carry us in your prayers as we do our best to make our teenage camps vibrant and Spirit-led. Some of the young people are not from Christian homes but some have parents who are first-generation believers. Pray that all the young people would trust in Christ.

MISSION POSSIBLE BULGARIA
BULGARIA



- 29** Next month, we will host our Youth Evangelism Academy. We look forward to hosting forty young adults that we have been working with these past four years. Please pray for these people as we prepare them to share the gospel in the villages and towns where we work.
- 30** In September, we are having our Training & Equipping Conference for young preachers and ministers. We will host eighty young men and women aged 16–30 who feel called to ministry in the churches of Bulgaria. Please pray for them.
- 31** Later in September, we host our More Than Winners conference to encourage men to be men of God. We will focus on the man of God as a son, husband and father.

— AUGUST 2023 —

MISSION POSSIBLE ALBANIA
ALBANIA



- 1** We recently had our Barnabas Youth Camp. Pray that all the young people who came would receive God, dedicate their lives to Him and reflect His glory.
- 2** Please pray that our library will be a place where we can reach young people in Bathore so that they want to serve God and grow His kingdom.
- 3** Pray that the library activities will encourage people to attend our services and programmes. We also want to use the library to train teachers.
- 4** Next month, we start a new academic year of ministry. Pray for fresh revelation and understanding of God's will for Bathore.

ICO MATULIC
CROATIA



- 5** Last month, we had a teenagers' camp in Istria. Our church has been working together with other churches to organise summer camps. Pray for all of us who are involved.
- 6** Our second coffee house has opened in the city of Solin. It is an initiative of Teen Challenge Croatia and serves drug addicts. Please pray for all the people who visit and for the team.
- 7** Please pray for our mission work on the islands of Mljet, Hvar, Pelješac and Lastovo next month, that God would provide the practical resources needed.

ROCK OF AGES
ROMANIA



- 8** Please pray for the coordinators' conference we want to have at the end of this month. We need finances and a venue.

- 9 Pray for our young ladies' volunteer team which works in a prison in Gherla, north Romania.
- 10 We are praying that God would provide us with a men's team to serve Bistrita. Please pray with us.
- 11 Pray for the future leadership of Rock of Ages ministry and that God will prepare a man to take on the role someday.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE KOSOVO

- 12 We are in the process of buying a building in Malishevë. Pray for God's financial provision and wisdom for us as we support the churches in Malishevë.



SLAVKO & SANJA HADŽIĆ BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

- 13 Give thanks to God for three weeks of great evangelistic mission in Wales, Moldova and Serbia. All events were well attended and we saw people respond to the gospel.
- 14 Please pray for the student and young people's camps last month and this month in Serbia. Pray that the campers will be drawn closer to God and people will decide to follow Jesus.
- 15 Pray for the mission week in Lithuania at the end of September. Pray that the gospel is clearly communicated and that many students will respond to the invitation to follow Jesus.



EMIL & VESNA PUZDERLIEVI NORTH MACEDONIA

- 16 Next month, there will be a Christian arts outreach weekend on the streets of Struga. Pray for many people to be drawn to Christ.



- 17 Tomorrow, there is a concert in Struga led by a Christian band from Croatia. Pray many people will come and receive the gospel.

DANIEL & IRINKA STRACINSKI MONTENEGRO



- 18 Please pray for fruitfulness in our home groups, which we have started hosting in three different languages – Montenegrin, English and Russian.
- 19 We have set up a website and social media pages so that more people discover our church. Pray that God would encourage people to join us.
- 20 Pray that more Montenegrins will attend church and accept Christ. I have been meeting with seven people separately and I would really like them to join our home group.
- 21 Please pray that God would provide a bigger space or the means to buy land to build a larger church building. We really struggle with space, especially in summer.

ROBERT & KRASI SALAMANOV NORTH MACEDONIA



- 22 This month, a team from Slovakia will share the gospel on the local streets. Please pray for them and those they speak with.
- 23 Pray for the team from USA who will use paintings to share the gospel in Radiovis's town square.
- 24 Pray for our young people at church.
- 25 We pray that we can reach the local miners with the gospel. Pray for Antonio. I had the opportunity to speak at his mother's funeral.

ERION & GENTIANA CUNI ALBANIA



- 26** We have been preparing for the young people's summer camps. Pray for the children, particularly those who cannot afford a holiday. We want to bless all the young people.
- 27** The past seventeen years, we have served God, balancing ministry and paid employment. The ministry has grown a lot so we need to commit to full-time ministry. Pray for us.

ANITA DIMITRIEVSKA NORTH MACEDONIA



- 28** Pray that God would move among the young people, that they would be open to the gospel.
- 29** Pray for the women who attend our women's meetings, that they may stand firm in their faith and have the desire to serve according to their gifts.
- 30** Please pray for revival in Ohrid. May God open doors for us to reach those people who are hungry and thirsty for God.
- 31** Next month, we will host street events with evangelist, Randy Fair. Pray that God will bless all the events and prepare the hearts of the people.

— SEPTEMBER 2023 —

RUSLAN & LARISA TELPIZ MOLDOVA



- 1** We pray that all sixty of the young people who come to our Day Care Centre will come to Christ.
- 2** Pray for the planting of the church in Tiganca and for the provision of a House of Prayer. We would also like to open a Day Care Centre there for socially vulnerable children.

BEGINNING OF LIFE MOLDOVA



- 3** We are hosting a summer camp for single mothers and their children, as well as refugees from Ukraine. Please pray for God to bless this work.
- 4** Pray for the Beginning of Life team who are passionately serving people in need, including refugees. We ask for God to renew their strength.
- 5** Pray for over two hundred refugee women and children who we work with to provide restoration and healing.
- 6** Pray for 180 young people from the neighbourhoods of Chisinau, for their growth and a fresh vision of life with God.
- 7** Our church volunteers are dedicated to our outreach mission among young people, single mothers and refugees. Please pray for God to bless them.

LJILJANA BANICEK BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



- 8** Please pray for our church to grow spiritually, authentically and in number.
- 9** Ask God to guide and bless our social projects as we share the gospel and God's love with those in need.
- 10** We lead several activities such as our drama club, our reading club at the children's home and our life skills workshops. Pray for our activities this autumn.
- 11** Pray for the students we work with to be open to spiritual conversations and for them to have the desire to come to our Bible studies.
- 12** Pray for our follow-up with all the students, after hosting many teams over spring and summer.

FETIJA HALILI
ALBANIA

- 13** We have three churches now. Ask that God will provide all the finances we need.
- 14** Please pray for those who are sick, that God would heal them.
- 15** Please pray for teenagers who use drugs to agree to go the rehabilitation centre.
- 16** Pray for God to raise up workers to serve the church full-time. Many people are leaving Albania for a better life. Please pray for hope and that people will be encouraged to stay and build God's kingdom here.



GAVRIL & AGHI COVACI
ROMANIA

- 17** Please pray for our eight-year-old grandson who has recently been diagnosed with diabetes.
- 18** Pray for the communities near to Tarcea who have seen how the gospel has changed their neighbours' lives. Pray for them to accept Christ as we accept their invitation to preach there.
- 19** Pray for us as a family, for our work and mission among the Roma communities and across four churches.



DANNY & VERA KURANJI
SERBIA

- 20** Our church used to sit on a dirt road. Now, it belongs to the main boulevard in Novi Sad. Pray that many would find Christ in the days ahead.
- 21** Work among the young people is crucial these days. May God raise up young leaders that will be bold in sharing their faith and standing up for biblical principles.



- 22** Please pray that many who need shelter, hope and release from addiction would come to our Rainbow Rehabilitation Centre. God is using it to change many lives.
- 23** Ask God to sustain financial and emotional support, and many other practical needs for our ministries. Pray for us to know how best to invest all our resources, particularly in leadership.

OPEN HEAVEN
ROMANIA

- 24** Please pray for our summer village outreach, that we may win souls for God's kingdom.
- 25** Pray for God's blessings for the various camps for young people and the children's Vacations Bible School.
- 26** Ask God to bless the children from the village where we do outreach, who take part in our Bible quiz.
- 27** Pray for all the students at our Bible school as they take exams and graduate.



AMI STAVROU
BULGARIA

- 28** Praise God for the birth of our second child. God has been so gracious to us as we have travelled around Bulgaria and England. Pray for our safe return to Bulgaria so we can serve in our church.
- 29** Our church community is growing! We would love to see more people commit to ministry. Pray for committed, talented and loving people to help us build the church.
- 30** Pray for the growing network of churches in Bulgaria. Many churches are struggling to build strong AV and worship teams to support pastors. Pray for wisdom and guidance to make this happen.



TEN Snippets

Helping Ukrainian Refugees

Since the start of the invasion of Ukraine, TEN partners Anatoli and Desi Yankovi of Shalom Church in Svistov, Bulgaria have reached out to Ukrainian refugees.

In their latest update they shared, 'We thank God for His faithfulness, as well as you, our friends and partners, in being able to continue helping refugees from Ukraine...

'Very often [oil, vegetables, food, chicken and pork] were purchased. During these three months of the new year, we managed to pay for them the rent of the public housing they live in, electricity and water.' Thank you for standing with TEN and our partners over this past year and a half to bring hope to those caught up in this conflict.



Sharing the Love in Struga

February and March are key months for the Evangelical Church in Struga, North Macedonia to share the gospel through creative outreach, particularly on Valentine's Day and Women's Day (8th March).

TEN partners, Emil and Vesna Puzderlievi write:

'We go out on the streets with small gifts prepared with much love, hoping and praying that besides the element of surprise, the Holy Spirit will mark this moment as a divine encounter with the love of God.'

Each gift contains a gospel tract so each person receives the gospel message.



Baptisms in North Macedonia

TEN partner, Tefik Musoski who pastors Bitola Roma Evangelical Church, recently assisted Edian, the pastor of a church in Prilep as he baptised three ladies in the river.

One of the ladies is Pastor Edian's daughter. The two other ladies are formerly Muslims; one lady has parents who come to church and grandparents who are Muslim. The other lady is married to a Muslim who has not stood in her way to follow Jesus. Pray for all the ladies and that their family members who do not know Christ would choose to follow Him.



Walk the Balkans

James, our CEO, lives in Bradford on Avon. It has a population of 10,000. There are several hundred Christians in the town. But what if there were only three or four? How would that feel? That is what it is like for evangelical Christians in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Kosovo.

Walk the Balkans 2023 is a fundraising challenge, to support God's labourers in the field, but critically it is also a call for you to pray for these three nations this year.

Here is what some of our partners there have to say:

Arteida Krasniqi

on behalf of Fellowship of the Lord People Church, Pristina, Kosovo

Our heart breaks for the youth of this country who flee from Kosova daily, and now this phenomenon has reached the youth of the Church as well.

We are planning a two-day event at the end of July for all the Kosovars who live around the world that return for their summer holidays. Please pray that the believers who return will get

a second calling to come back as missionaries in their own country.

Pray for the children that we work with through our projects in Milloshevë, Vushtrri,

Kaçanik, Gjilan, Pristina, Fushë Kosova and the Roma neighbourhood.

Pray for wisdom as we hope to purchase a church building in

Malishevë. As the impact of Islam grows in Kosova, many institutions have become Islamic, and we are trying to raise our voices and visibility in the public eye. We have held shows with Christian artists from around the world, giving our contribution to art and culture in Kosova. Please pray that the Lord will touch the people's hearts as we share the gospel with them at these shows.





Vladimir Cizmanski

Pastor of Podgorica Evangelical Church, Montenegro

Generally, the reaction of people in Montenegro to hearing the gospel can vary from period to period and from generation to generation.

If there is political turmoil which is sometimes religiously motivated, then people are more aggressive and they do not want to receive anything which challenges them to think deeper than what they are familiar with. In those times, even violence can be expected toward those that are sharing the gospel.

Younger people are more open to religious discussion but there is also mixture of all kinds of world views, from atheism to religious fanaticism and everything in between. Unfortunately, Protestantism and evangelicalism is seen as a western religion and as such, for some people is not acceptable. For some it brings curiosity because they can see that traditional religion is not bringing desirable spiritual change or fulfilment. We are praying for more spiritual hunger in Montenegro.



Sinisa Stojkovic

Pastor of Banja Luka Christian Fellowship, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) is still deeply divided, even if more than twenty-five years have passed since the last civil and religious war. The country is separated into two main administrative entities—the Republic of Srpska and the Federation of Muslims and Croats.

Although we are recognised and registered as a church, we are still considered a pseudo-Christian cult, i.e., a sect that works against traditional religious communities. BiH currently has less than five hundred evangelical believers, making us one of the least evangelised nations in this part of Europe and in fact the world. The main concentration of mission workers is in the Federation, while the Republic of Srpska is mostly neglected. In the Republic of Srpska there are less than 120 believers and over thirty-five cities without any evangelical work. The mission field is large and the need for workers is huge.

If you would like to take on the Walk the Balkans 2023 Challenge or give to our fundraisers, visit walkthebalkans.org. You can also join us in prayer and ask the Lord of the Harvest to send the workers.
The harvest is plentiful.

James's Trek Musala Update

Our Walk the Balkans – Trek Musala Challenge in the Rila Mountains of Bulgaria is coming together. People have signed up and our guide, Roumen, has been helping with planning.

TEN partner and church leader, Dusan Beredi (Bera), has joined the team.

Bera writes, "I often pray from the mountaintops for awakening.

Musala is the highest peak of the Balkans, the area where I was born, live and serve God. On Musala, I am going on a prayer climb for the youth of the Balkans, as well as to collect money for the Youth Centre in Novi Sad."

When asked why he signed up, Charlie Du Puy responded, "Raising support and awareness for the fantastic work of TEN, whilst also experiencing an exciting part of the world that's new to me. I'm in!"

If you would like to join the team, with others from the UK and the Balkans, then get in touch by emailing:
james.vaughton@ten-uk.org



Taking Every Opportunity in Montenegro

By Tim Hodgins, Pastor of Penrhyn Bay Presbyterian Church, Wales

Recently my wife and I visited Montenegro with the intention of meeting some of the partners in that country. We have been following the work of TEN for a couple of years now, so we were thankful for an opportunity to go and see some examples for ourselves.

I was impressed to see each pastor taking opportunities as they arose, even while they were hosting us. It was obvious, as we observed them engaging with people, that they were constantly on mission 24/7. They spoke passionately about their love for the Montenegrins, and their longing to see them enjoy God through the gospel.

We were so humbled by their hospitality, and thoroughly enjoyed our visit. Our prayer life has been enriched by meeting these brothers and sisters in Christ and we will do all we can to continue to uphold and support them.



Photos: Jovica Bacvanski & Tim (top-left); Ruth Vorotovic & Sam Hodgins (top-right); Tim & Daniel Stracinski (bottom-left)

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TENteams Goes to Albania

This April, we were delighted a group of ladies joined our TENteams trip to Albania, to support Gentiana and Erion Cuni lead a womens' conference and minister in the local villages. Here are some testimonies from the trip:

By Gentiana Çuni

Life in Christ Church, Tirana, Albania

We thank God for TEN and many other people that regularly pray, support and give to our ministry and our family. These last six years our work has increased plenty. We have seen new churches come to life and existing ones grow. But most people coming to faith are women and children.

As a leader you need to work with what the Lord has given you with commitment and strategy. When you have more women in church, the work of the pastor gets more difficult. In our culture a man cannot have much interaction with women, so as a pastor's wife I must fill that gap and give Erion a better understanding of where our people stand with their spiritual health and faith. But there is so much work that I cannot do it alone; I need other women that are able to do pastoral work. Taking care of and encouraging the women in ministry is a vital work for the wellbeing of our churches and their future.

Having a group from TEN of mature Christians with leadership experience to encourage, pray and equip our women in ministry has been a blessing and a great ministry. We hope we can do more together in the years to come.

Photos: Gentiana and Erion with their family (left); Grace Bryers, right, with a lady she met on the trip (top-right); Our TENteam, Carol Sharman is second from right (right)



By Grace Bryers

It was that one email that caught my attention. It said that it was not too late to join the TEnteam going to the women's conference in Pogradec, Albania. I have supported TEN for a long time. Support is much more than finances. It includes prayer and engagement. I contacted the office a few days later and in three weeks I was on my way.

There is a larger number of young people attending services than we are used to seeing in the UK. Our partner, Erion Cuni, described himself as a first-generation Christian, as he told us about the beginning of the Albanian Church thirty years ago when the country opened its doors to the rest of the world.

We joined in with the singing of familiar worship songs, translated into Albanian. There is potential and hope for home-grown musicians to develop their own song writing in the future. As Erion put it, the heart of Christian leadership—reaching out and joining with God as He builds His Church—is in their DNA.

I went with a very sketchy knowledge of Albania, its history and the growth of the Church in recent decades. I came home informed and with an opened heart to the lives, challenges and blessings of the Christians there.



By Carol Sharman

I planned to join a mission trip to Burundi, but I couldn't have the Yellow Fever jab so I contacted Melanie and arranged to join the TEnteam to Albania. I was less excited about it but am so glad God redirected me. It soon became clear that God had prepared the way, the people and us.

The pastors are so devoted to Jesus, solid in their teaching and knowledgeable about Albania's history. They and their wives were a delight to be with. It was such a privilege to minister to the ladies in the conference and in the villages. It was a great joy to work with the children. We performed an Open The Book session, which they loved.

The whole trip was fulfilling, refreshing and joyful. I fell in love with Albania and these dear people. I hope there will be an opportunity to visit and serve them again.



Are you
interested in finding
out more about our
TEnteam trips?
Then get in touch with
Melanie and Lucy at
tenteams@ten-uk.org



Lucy's Roundup

By Lucy Reid, Mission Engagement Worker at TEN

Here is another encouraging story from our women's TENteam trip to Albania in April, which I was part of—my first trip with TEN!

While on our way to Lower Proptisht for a women's bible study, we got a flat tyre. We all hopped out of the minibus, three of us from the TENteam, some women from the church in Pogradec, and Illir and Elona Gorra, who pastor the churches in Lower and Upper Proptisht. We were in the middle of the beautiful Albanian countryside.

I prayed aloud, reminded of those God stories where the Lord sends the right person to come and help. In what felt like only ten or fifteen minutes later, the answer arrived. A man pulled up in his vehicle and I watched as he opened his boot filled with all sorts of helpful things. He was a mechanic who saw that we needed help.

In no time, the man changed our tyre with a new one. When he finished, I asked Illir to ask the man if we could pray for him, to which the mechanic said yes we could. I got to pray for him while Illir kindly translated. It was a sweet encouragement of how the Lord provides. Moza, one of the Albanian women from the church in Pogradec, and Illir, shared this testimony with the people we met at the bible studies!

Why not take some time to pray and ask God how you can use your gifts to support the work of TEN.

If you are interested in TENteams, becoming a prayer intercessor or you have any other ideas you would like to talk through, please contact me at lucy.reid@ten-uk.org



Photos: Tyre being fixed & Lucy in Albania

My Gifts for His Glory

By Carol Partridge

My involvement with TEN started after hearing of the persecution and poverty of Christians of Eastern Europe, who at the time, were living under the communist regime of the former Soviet Union. Gary Cox, who was CEO, inspired me to pray and support TEN (known as Eurovangelism then) in any way I could.

After the fall of the Berlin wall, I was able to travel to many countries previously closed to visitors and see first-hand the need of so many people, especially children, the elderly and refugees. It was impossible for me to return home and do nothing! Motivated by the need of the people I personally encountered, my fundraising journey began.

My vision was to collect toys, clothes and household items that my friends and family no longer required and sell them on to people locally. Not only did this raise money for TEN, but I learned it helped people in my community. It became a way to connect with so many people. I was amazed how easy it was to share about TEN and my faith in Jesus. What has amazed me is how generous people are, both in giving away unwanted items and how much they pay when they realise I do this for a charity.

I now organise three charity sales a year from our home, using the garage and garden. I also sell items online through Facebook Marketplace.

I am always astonished by how much money is raised to support God's work. I definitely feel God is in this, so I will keep going until He says otherwise. While it consumes a lot of time and effort, I have been so blessed in the process, by developing wonderful friendships and meeting so many generous people. Maybe this is something you can also do in your locality.



Photos:
Carol Partridge &
collected items for sale



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