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EQUIPPING GOD'S *people*

Summer Camps – Hope in Croatia and Serbia
Sustainable Funding & Partnership
Blessings Through Church Partnerships
Learning Discipleship

Equipping God's People

It is so exciting when we experience the blessings of working together as the Body of Christ. Even when geography separates us, our almighty God brings 'blessings over blessings' as our dear brother, Pastor Vasile Grigorita, testifies when writing about his church's partnership with a church in the UK.

Your support equips God's people and this edition of Connect aims to share that with you. Be encouraged that God has provided grants to print Christian literature and New Testaments for outreach, match funding to provide a car for ministry or gifts to meet a need because you bought an Essential Gift. This summer, we supported Ivan Petrov, who spent five weeks with a team of staff and students from YWAM Discipleship Training School on outreach ministry in Serbia, Albania, North Macedonia and Hungary.

We are excited to report of a TEnteam of young women who travelled to Croatia to support Good News Church Split run a summer camp. Pastor Danijel Reckovic shares about their church's summer camp and how they encouraged young people to recommit to follow Jesus. Summer camps are vital to sustain churches, growing the next

generation of believers who continue to build God's kingdom.

You are part of this kingdom work. Your prayers make a difference so we encourage you to continue to pray for our partners, using Heart Cry (pp9-14). We also bring focus to Kosovo, a predominantly Muslim nation that needs the light of Christ to shine in the darkness.

As Melanie Griffiths, our Supporters and Churches Officer shares in her article about the Ambassadors' Day, many of you are ambassadors for the work of TEN and our partners in Eastern Europe and the Balkans. May you be encouraged, equipped and strengthened as you read on.



*Dragan Manev
with New Testaments
printed in Macedonian.*

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Welcome



'...for that we know our labour is not in vain.'

These words, of the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:58, come after the climactic verses in 55-57 reminding the Corinthians that because of the victory of Christ as seen in his resurrection, their labour in the fields, will bear fruit. They are my verses for this year. I keep coming back to them and allowing them to speak into my daily circumstances.

We often report on the challenges our partners face. They work incredibly hard, giving themselves to serve God across Eastern Europe and the Balkans. One of our partners recently wrote to us with the story of a lady from a Muslim background who came to faith. She was unsure about baptism but in a dream, she found herself asking Christ if she should be baptised. In the dream Christ said to her, "Yes, go get baptised. Will you?" She woke up shouting, "Yes, I will. Yes, I will," and that's exactly what she did.

What an amazing story. God is good! I know the context. I know the years of ministry of this partner and that much of the community in this particular nation is very tough spiritual ground. And yet in the light of the resurrected Christ, the labour of this and all our partners is not in vain. This is just one of the great stories we have heard in the last few months, with lives impacted through outreach and camps throughout the summer.

Many of you faithfully pray and give, some for many years and some have started more recently. You are playing your part in equipping God's people for service. I encourage you to continue. In the light of Christ's resurrection, your labour is not in vain.

James Vaughton, CEO, TEN

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TENteams at Camp Fokus

This summer, James Vaughton and Lucy Reid took a team of three young adults to Croatia to help our partner Vjeko Mrsic of Good News Church Split lead Camp Fokus in the Croatian mountains.

The week's theme was Super Daddy and its aim was to share God's father heart with primary school-aged children. The TENteam worked alongside youth pastor, Robi Atlija, Vjeko and his wife, Josipa as well as a group of Croatian teenagers from the church. Here's how they got on:

Madeleine Jefferis

Camp Fokus with TEN was by far one of the best experiences I have had and something I am grateful to have been a part of. The team only met just before flying out to Croatia, but during the trip I found that me, Hannah and Olga all got on really well and by the end of our time there, we were really good friends.

I found that the trip gave me many opportunities to practically serve, whether it be

through cleaning the cabins before the children arrived, washing up after meals or running games for the children to play. The trip also allowed me to see the impact that sharing the gospel can have but also showed me the importance of things such as spending time with others, listening and talking with them and learning about their life stories and experiences.

Hannah Murray

I've been having a gap year and I have been looking for some mission trips to get involved with. I heard about the trip and thought it was a really great opportunity. It's been really good. I've learned a lot about language barriers and how to overcome them, and I've loved planning the games and going to the evening and morning sessions as well.





*Olga, Lucy,
Hannah and Madeleine*

Olga Nechyporuk

At Camp Fokus, we looked after kids, planned games, helped to do some interesting chores and enjoyed the Croatian countryside. We were trying to open up the Bible and God to children in Croatia. Some of them are Christian or from Christian families but some aren't. Some just came because their friends were going. We were trying to tell them what is the Bible and trying to open up the reality of Jesus and God; that there is someone who loves and cares for them. The highlight was the waterslide!

How about you?

"If you're thinking about coming on a TEnteam trip I would definitely recommend it, even if you are nervous and don't know what to expect, you'll have a great time."

Hannah

"I would thoroughly recommend going on a TEnteam mission trip—it's great for people of all ages!"

Madeleine

"Just go for it. It seems a bit daunting and you might not know anyone—I didn't know anyone when I came on this trip. We met in the car, on the way to the airport, but it still worked out great and you definitely meet a lot of interesting people. Even if you find this kind of thing outside of your comfort zone, it'll be a really great experience."

Olga



Vjeko, James and Robi

Are you available for a week in 2024? Do you want to join a TEnteam trip such as a summer camp in the Balkans or Eastern Europe? If so, we would love for you to get in touch.

If you would like to support our partners in sharing the love of God in person, contact Lucy and Melanie at tenteams@ten-uk.org or call on 0117 961 5161.

Summer Hope in Serbia

“Our mission is to raise a new generation of young people who will serve the Lord devotedly.” Danijel Reckovic, pastor of Good News Evangelical Church in Lebane, Serbia.

TEN's partners have been actively sharing the gospel with children and young people at summer camps all over the Balkans this year. Through the generosity of our supporters, TEN has helped fund camps in Moldova, Bulgaria, Romania, Serbia, Montenegro and Albania.

Danijel Reckovic reports, ‘At our camp in Bojnik, it was very good, even if it was extremely hot, the teenagers enjoyed it. There were about forty young people every day. The camp lasted three days and the main topic was *Who Are You Following?* We talked about how much influence social media has on their lives and how it affects their relationship with the Lord. We heard good things from them such as admitting that they spend too much time on their phones and not enough time with God. Some of them gave us a promise that they would read the Bible regularly.’

...the young people invited unbelieving people from the street and we had an extraordinary worship service for them.

Before the camp, Danijel wrote to us, ‘Our goal is to encourage young people, to strengthen them in faith and to dare to spread what the Lord gives with their friends.’ This goal was definitely achieved. Danijel concludes, ‘On the second day of the camp, the young people invited unbelieving people from the street and we had an extraordinary worship service for them. The youth participated and it gave them an incredible experience. About thirty-five people heard the gospel for the first time, and we hope that these seeds will continue to grow.’



Left to right: Danijel and Alexandra (front row) with young people and leaders; fun and games in Lebane; study sessions

Country Focus: Kosovo



At TEN, we are partner-led. Because our partners are indigenous to Eastern Europe and the Balkans, they can speak effectively into the multicultural, ethnically diverse and often tumultuous region with a gospel that genuinely encourages peace and unity.

Kosovo is recognised as a sovereign state in its own right by the USA, UK and many EU states but not by Serbia and many in the northern part of Kosovo that is majority-Serbian, who see Kosovo as a part of Serbia. For centuries, Kosovo has endured conflict, unrest, and distrust between ethnic Serbs and Albanians. Kosovar Albanians make up over 90% of the population, and Kosovar Serbs just 5%. At least 80% of the population identifies as Muslim but this figure could be over 90%.

It presents a great challenge for partners, Fellowship of the Lord's People (BPZ) and Youth for Christ Kosova (YFCK), both based in Pristina, the capital. In our previous magazine, BPZ church member, Arteida Krasniqi commented that even institutions are becoming more Islamised.

Alban Krasniqi, who is part of BPZ and pioneers YFCK, writes:

'Kosova is a small country going through some big challenges, economically, spiritually but also politically. Every day, outside the Embassy office are lines of people trying to get a visa to leave. We see an urgent need for prayer for the people of Kosova.'

'We believe that only the gospel of Jesus Christ can bring stability and hope for the future of this nation. So we ask you brothers and sisters to pray daily for Kosova.'

Pray for wisdom for the government.

Pray for Kosovars who have emigrated to experience God's call to return and build up the Church.

Pray for young people to have a hope and a future in Kosovo.

Pray for the Church to be faithful.

Pray that this country will experience revival.

Top: Pristina, capital of Kosovo (Photo credit: Alban Krasniqi)

Left: Alban Krasniqi with volunteers at Impact Kosova in 2018



Sustainable Funding and Partnership

By James Vaughton, CEO at TEN

We continue to enable partners to set up small businesses and raise funds in creative ways to make sure the support that you give goes as far as possible. Here are a couple of recent stories from partners in North Macedonia.

In early 2023 we sent a loan, alongside a grant, to support the refurbishment of an apartment owned by a church in Struga, where our partners Emil and Vesna Puzderlievi serve. They've had their first customers visit this beautiful part of the world and it is generating a small income to enable their work of evangelism and discipleship on the edge of Lake Ohrid.*

Addressing the issue of financial sustainability does not have a one size fits all solution and we use match-funding as an alternative way to help partners. During the summer, Josip and Biljana Pastor, church leaders in Bitola, made us aware of their need for a car. A car is essential to ministry in the Balkans where often pastors travel to various communities to serve and share the gospel. Josip and Biljana already had some funding they could put towards the car and we were able to help.

But cars are increasingly expensive and more funding was needed, so we contacted our friends at WorldShare who also support the work of the Church in North Macedonia.

They prayed and decided to provide the funds needed so Josip and Biljana could buy a car. This is a great example of how God provides, and how TEN and WorldShare have been able to work together to support our partners and equip God's people.

*If you are interested in staying at the apartment, contact us and we can put you in touch with Emil and Vesna!



*The interior of the apartment at Struga;
Josip Pastor with his car.*

HEART Cry

Prayer requests from
Eastern Europe and
the Balkans

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— OCTOBER 2023 —

ERION & GENTIANA CUNI ALBANIA



- 1 We praise God for all He has done over the summer and continues to do. We have held 14 youth camps and we are thankful for all the young people who attended. 50 have decided to follow God.
- 2 At our youth conference, 30 young people made the decision for Christ. Thank God for all His protection, provision and love. There is still much to do so we value your prayers.

ICO MATULIC CROATIA



- 3 This month, we begin outreach on the island of Hvar. Please pray for God to transform hearts and pray for all our mission work on the islands.
- 4 We run a Teen Challenge centre in Solin to provide practical information and a welcoming space for drug addicts and ex-addicts. Please pray for our new season.

- 5 We need to find space to rent a church building long-term. Please pray for us at Evangelical Church Korcula.
- 6 In January, we launch the Alpha Course. Please pray for everyone who will attend. Pray especially for those who do not know Christ yet to come to faith in Him.

MISSION POSSIBLE BULGARIA BULGARIA



- 7 Today, we begin our Hem of His Garment programme for vulnerable women. We are expecting 18 women who are in need of support and restoration. Please pray that God will free them from bitterness, hopelessness and depression.
- 8 This month, we start our project to provide food and milk for babies from disadvantaged families who cannot even afford the essentials. Pray that we can successfully distribute what the families need.
- 9 We run a literacy programme for Roma children because many struggle to learn to read or write at school. Pray for the volunteer teachers and that churches in Roma neighbourhoods will be centres of light in teaching children to read and write and also discover Jesus.

ROBERT & KRASI SALAMANOVI
NORTH MACEDONIA



- 10 We have just started a new creative group in the church. Please pray for new children to come and join in.
- 11 Pray for the truck drivers we have met who have gambling problems. We want to reach them with the gospel.
- 12 We open the church for teenagers to play table tennis and table football with the hope we can share the gospel with them. Please pray for them and remember David's friends who come. David would like them to know Jesus.
- 13 We are working to share the gospel with the local miners. Pray that those we have been witnessing to come to church.
- 14 Pray that we can buy our church building.

JOSIP & BILJANA PASTOR
NORTH MACEDONIA



- 15 This month, we will have outreach events. Pray for God to open hearts to the good news of Jesus Christ.
- 16 Please pray for the Alpha course we are running. We want people to know who Jesus is and make the decision to follow Him.
- 17 Pray for us and the people we serve as we give out gift shoeboxes through Samaritan's Purse.

SLAVKO HADŽIĆ
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



- 18 This month, we are having a Round Table event for pastors and missionaries. Pray for God to inspire and lead us.

TEFIK & ANITA MUSOSKI
NORTH MACEDONIA



- 19 This month, we will run a training event for small group leaders from our church, but also for churches in the western region. Pray that the training is helpful and a blessing.

EMIL & VESNA PUZDERLIEVI
NORTH MACEDONIA



- 20 We hope to distribute firewood and food parcels thanks to WinterHelp and Harvest for the Hungry. These ministries have proven fruitful and people are coming to church as a result.
- 21 Today is the start of the National Women's Conference in Struga. It is a three-day outreach event. We expect around 500 women, some who have never heard the gospel before. Please pray for this event.
- 22 In December, we will distribute Christmas gift boxes through Operation Christmas Child. Please pray for the children and their families to experience God's blessings.

MISSION POSSIBLE ALBANIA
ALBANIA



- 23 Please pray for our staff. One of our team left last month and another has gone on maternity leave. Ask God to sustain our ministries and for Him to bring a couple of people to us who love Him and the people of Bathore and want to serve them.
- 24 Pray that God will move in the lives of young people in Bathore, so they can be changed and testify to God's work in their lives.
- 25 Pray that the influence of Islam will go from this place and that eyes will be opened to know God the Father.

- 26 In December, we intend to have big Christmas celebrations and we hope many people will come to our meetings. Pray for the gospel to go forth, enter and change every heart in this community for the glory of God.

DANIEL & IRINKA STRACINSKI MONTENEGRO



- 27 We are restarting our home groups with a particular heart for Montenegrins. Pray for Montenegrins to be on fire for God.
- 28 Pray for our new youth leaders who minister to teenagers.
- 29 Pray for our men's breakfast which we are hosting at church. Ask God to build these men up to become leaders.
- 30 Pray for our Christmas programmes. We will be doing street evangelism so pray that many people will listen to the good news and receive God the Son into their hearts.
- 31 Today is Reformation Day and we are sharing the gospel publicly in Bar. Please pray that many people will hear and receive the good news.

— NOVEMBER 2023 —

SLAVKO HADŽIĆ BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



- 1 Pray for the Christmas activities we are planning, including the distribution of Christmas boxes for children.
- 2 The FEUER (Fellowship of Evangelists in the Universities of Europe) Conference begins today and concludes on Monday. Please pray for the conference to bless and inspire all those in attendance.

SRJAN & RUTH VOROTOVIC MONTENEGRO



- 3 Please pray for the salvation of Josko and the chief of the fire station at Perest. Ask that God will use them where they are to shine His light.

ROCK OF AGES ROMANIA



- 4 Pray for all the prison programmes our team are implementing this quarter. Please ask God for strength, wisdom, guidance and health to lead this ministry as He calls us to, in accordance with His plans for the future.
- 5 Ask God for a new volunteers team to minister in Bistrita prison.
- 6 Pray for the resources to provide help for those who need it during winter.
- 7 Pray for all the Christmas projects we will run at the prisons we work in.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF MACEDONIA NORTH MACEDONIA



- 8 During the summer, all our churches in Macedonia were actively involved in street evangelism. Pray with us that the seeds planted will grow and many people will come to Christ and our churches.
- 9 Pray for a new academic year of teaching. Pray for the Bible courses that we will lead in our churches and for many new people to come and learn. Remember all the students at our theological seminary ETIK - pray for this new generation of believers.
- 10 Please pray for our church planting ministry. May God help us to open many new churches in Macedonia.

DANNY & VERA KURANJ SERBIA

- 11 Praise God for His ongoing financial provision. Ask that God will meet our need for mature leaders and spiritual mentors.
- 12 Praise God for the spiritual growth of some of the men who have given up their addictions. Their desire to share the good news with addicts in different parts of Serbia is very apparent.
- 13 With the cold weather here, many of the homeless addicts we work with will need to find shelter. May they seek help and find Christ.



DRAGAN & BILJANA MANEV NORTH MACEDONIA

- 14 Praise God for the very successful English camp we ran in July.
- 15 We would like to start a 'bus ministry' where we take young Macedonians on short mission trips around the country. Pray that God would provide everything we need to do this – He has already met almost every need.
- 16 Ask God to guide us to establish a sustainable financial plan to support our mission and ministry in Macedonia.
- 17 Praise God for providing nearly half the space needed to support people with special needs in Resen.



ANATOLI & DESI YANKOVI BULGARIA

- 18 Please ask God to awaken the hearts of believers to become more zealous for His kingdom. We need more people willing to serve, especially men.
- 19 We need two new loudspeakers as our current ones are over twenty years old and barely work.



- 20 Ask God to bring more people from Svistov into our church to put their trust in Him and to build up the church.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST KOSOVA KOSOVO



- 21 We had wonderful youth camp this summer—25 young people from the Muslim community joined us. For most of them it was the first time they heard the gospel. It was great to get to know them better and learn about their challenges. Pray they accept Christ.
- 22 Drita is doing a great job leading the Superwoman clubs. All of the girls who attend are from a Muslim background. Our dream is to for them to receive salvation.
- 23 Pray for the people of Kosova to be restored and united in Christ. People are divided and hopeless. They want to leave. Pray for people to stay and answer God's call to serve His Church here.

DARIO KAPIN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



- 24 Praise God for the people we have recently made contact with who have expressed that they want to come to church. Ask God to enable them to come.
- 25 Ask God to sustain our bee ministry. We use income generated from selling the honey to support the church ministry and we also minister to other beekeepers at the apiaries.
- 26 Pray for the second space we are renovating at our church which will be for the young people's ministry and our office.
- 27 Ask God to provide for all our needs as a family.

TEFIK & ANITA MUSOSKI NORTH MACEDONIA



- 28 At this time, we are running church planting training. Ask for God to bring fruit from this, especially for churches in the west of Macedonia.
- 29 Pray for the training sessions our teams will take part in through Samaritan's Purse, and for the evangelistic events among the children during that time.
- 30 Pray for God's wisdom, guidance and providence for all we have planned.

— DECEMBER 2023 —

FETIJA HALILI ALBANIA



- 1 Pray for our church. A lot of people are leaving Albania because they cannot afford the basic things, even daily bread. The economic crisis has meant that young people are leaving to start a new life elsewhere.
- 2 Please pray for some of the members of our church who are suffering from incurable diseases. Ask God for mercy.
- 3 We praise God for sustaining our faith as we face great challenges. We are very thankful to Him and you that you pray for us.

PROJECT ROMANIAN RESCUE ROMANIA



- 4 Pray for the day care centre at Siminoc. We plan to expand our programme to provide our services daily and we want to receive new children. Pray for everything we need to be in place to license this service.
- 5 We want to double the number of beneficiaries we serve at Casa Ellen in Constanta. Please ask God to help.

- 6 We would like to provide a safe place for new boys at Casa Benjamin, our boy's home. Pray for the two boys who left our service.
- 7 We want to reopen the day care centre at Murfatlar. Pray that God will provide the team, the authorisation and all the practical things we need.
- 8 We would like to open a day care centre at Cernavoda. This is something God has recently placed on our hearts. Ask God to provide all we need – the team, contacts and authorisation to open it.

BEGINNING OF LIFE MOLDOVA



- 9 Praise God for the second season of restoration and healing groups we ran for Ukrainian refugees. We were also able to support the other three trauma healing centres on the eastern frontline of Ukraine.
- 10 Pray for people who are taking part in our programmes, that they find healing, hope and the life-transforming path towards God's kingdom.
- 11 Thank God that we produced the educational materials needed for holistic development which will be shared with church leaders in Moldova and Ukraine, as well as Central Asia.
- 12 Pray for open doors in schools and other public places to reach young people with hope and care.
- 13 Pray for the Beginning of Life team and volunteers, who serve over 500 people weekly, to have wisdom, strength and heartfelt care.

GAVRIL & AGHI COVACI ROMANIA



- 14 Please pray that those who hear the word of God will receive salvation.

- 15 Pray for the sick in our communities.
- 16 Pray for the widowed and elderly.
- 17 Pray for us, our family and my (Gavril) ministry among the Roma churches and communities.
- 18 Thank you for your prayers for the Roma leaders, communities and the poor. May the Lord bless you.

DRAGAN & SANDRA NEDIC BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



- 19 For years, I (Dragan) have suffered with a heart problem, but this year I had surgery to restore my heart's rhythm. Pray that God would heal me and for God to strengthen Sandra too as we go through this together.
- 20 In 2021 we lost our son and we continue to grieve. Having cared for him for so long, we now find ourselves with time we never had before so we are trying to focus on the wellbeing of our church and God's kingdom work in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Please pray for us.
- 21 Covid severely affected the life of our church. Since church restarted in person, although people are present physically, they seem to be absent in other ways. Pray for God to ignite their passion to serve Him.
- 22 There is much upheaval in our congregations. I have never witnessed so much opposition, conflict between individuals, gossip and all those things that we do not want among the people of God. Pray for God to change the hearts of our people to bring blessing.
- 23 In September, we had a camp for our congregation to restart this new era. Pray especially for the younger people who came as they are the next generation of leaders. We believe that those who were born in the 21st century should lead the 21st century Church.

ANITA DIMITRIEVSKA NORTH MACEDONIA



- 24 Ask God to send miracles, signs and wonders to accompany the preaching of His Word, confirming the truth of the gospel. May God bring about divine connections, leading people to understanding and acceptance of Christ.
- 25 Please ask God to bless our Christmas programme for the children. Pray He will work in the hearts of the young people and women who will be there.
- 26 Pray for strength and courage for the believers in Ohrid to share their faith with others. Pray for their protection and guidance as they faithfully serve God.

VANCE & TANJA GOLOMEOVI SERBIA



- 27 Since Covid, many of our congregation prefer to stay at home and watch the service on the internet. Pray that by God's Holy Spirit, people will return to build up the church and encourage each other in mission.
- 28 We livestream our services on Facebook. Please pray that all those who watch the service would come to know Jesus Christ and also come in person to our church.
- 29 Pray for our Bible school; we are now in our second year. Pray for the six students to learn many things to equip them to build God's kingdom in Serbia.
- 30 Our music worship leader Adriana, has been teaching the team new songs and helping my daughter Anna learn to play the guitar. Pray for the worship team as they develop this ministry.
- 31 Pray for me and Tanja as we both have health issues. Tanja is still recovering from a fractured leg and I have pain in my eye and also my spine. Please ask God to heal us.

Ambassadors' Day

By Melanie Griffiths, Supporters & Churches Officer at TEN

Our volunteer Ambassadors play a vital role in widening our connections with UK churches and deepening relationships with our partners. Some speak at churches for TEN and our Country Champions connect with partners in a particular country, supporting the staff team.

TENteach volunteers teach English online to partner contacts in Europe through Bible stories, and others have specific roles like Lorina O'Chieng, our Prayer Ambassador, who creates the fortnightly intercessors' sheet.

Each year, we host our Ambassadors' Day so Ambassadors can meet and share their experiences. Chris Hill, Country Champion for Albania, led a devotional from Psalms, in particular Psalm 125:2, 'As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time on and forevermore' reminding us of how God looks after his people.

We discussed engaging a younger generation, and updated the Ambassadors about resources they can use. It was a joy to meet together. The TENteach team met each other for the first time, which was wonderful!

Many of you are quietly being 'ambassadors' as you talk to people about TEN, without a specific role. **Thank you!**



Lorina O'Chieng and Chris Hill

Trust Funds Equip God's People

This summer, TEN has sent grants to fund three different literature projects thanks to the generosity of supporter trusts. Petre Petrov of Evangelical Church of Macedonia received funds to print New Testaments for summer outreach events held at various churches throughout the country. These funds enabled 40-50 New Testaments to be given to each church.

Child Evangelism Fellowship in Serbia received a grant to part-fund the translation and printing of literature written by Czeslaw Bassara and Norman Rohrer. Youth for Christ Kosova received funds to translate and print Year 1 of their Superwoman materials.



Stoli Stojkovic of Evangelical Church of Macedonia with New Testaments

Blessings Over Blessings: Church Partnerships

By Melanie Griffiths, Supporters & Churches Officer at TEN

Church partnerships are a brilliant way to support and encourage a partner in Europe and inspire your church for mission by seeing how God is working in another country.

These relationships are highly valued—it is a two-way blessing. Many of our partnerships began over ten years ago and enrich the ministries of the partner and home church. Most start with an initial visit to a partner and grow from there.

Vasile Grigorita, Pastor of Brinza Baptist Church, Moldova writes:

‘For me and the believers at our church, the partnership with Christians from other countries is very important. For many years, we’ve partnered with a church in the UK and received blessings over blessings through the spiritual

involvement of the believers there. They’ve sent mission teams who’ve helped us enormously in different activities we organised together. Through this partnership, we’ve also been blessed practically through regular financial support for our family. It has enabled us to focus more on the church ministry and has lightened the great financial pressure from my shoulders as the head of the family.

‘We are also so thankful to God for your support through TEN. You are God’s people with a great heart and you do a great ministry. We’ve been so blessed to benefit from projects such as WinterHelp and Harvest for the Hungry. We really value the partner conferences too. We pray that God would bless you in everything you do for His glory and for our good and many other people.’

We currently have 13 church partnerships linked with partners in Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and North Macedonia. Four further churches are considering partnerships.



Vasile Grigorita (left); Paul and Jacqui Lander of St Barnabas Cray meet Arben and Silvana Bedulla, Albania, April 2023 (right)

If you would like to discuss a potential church partnership, contact Melanie at melanie.griffiths@ten-uk.org, or phone the office on 0117 961 5161.

Commitment and Dedication Through TENteach

By Sue Watterson, TENteach Teacher

The first TENteach English class for beginners started in February this year. I volunteered to take the class having many years of teaching experience, but the issue was how to deliver appropriate and interesting lessons online rather than in a classroom.

I give thanks for the help and support of all at TEN, the other teachers and Christian TEFL. I was linked with students from Bulgaria and North Macedonia. Some have had to leave but I still pray for them. Now I teach a small family group who are so kind and forbearing. They give me the ideal context in which to develop a course for beginners.

It is an honour and privilege to continue teaching and thereby serve God and His people from my own home.

Robert Salamanov, TEN partner and Sue's student writes:

'We have no words to thank you at TEN and our dear teacher Susan, where Susan devoted herself completely to teaching us English. At the beginning there were eight of us, but after some of them went to Croatia to work, others stopped but we remained as a family where every Tuesday Susan teaches us English for beginners.

We are very blessed to learn English, and I learned many words that I didn't know before. We are very grateful.

Susan has so much patience with us, is very attentive and dedicated to every word she teaches us. We learned a lot from the English lessons.'

Please pray for our TENteach teachers and students, especially our new beginners' group.

Sue teaches Robert and his family in Radoviš (left); students at Radoviš Evangelical Church (right)



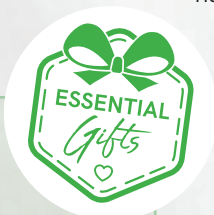
Are you interested in joining our TENteach team? If you would like to know more, we would love for you to get in touch.

Contact Melanie Griffiths at melanie.griffiths@ten-uk.org

Sharing Christ's Love Through Essential Gifts

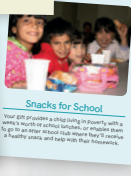
By Ken Millwood, Partners Officer at TEN

A huge thank you to all of you who bought items from Essential Gifts in the past twelve months. Almost 400 purchases were made and every item in the catalogue was bought at least once! Funds were distributed to help partners run local projects.



TOP SELLERS:

- Food Hampers and Socks, Shoes or Wellington Boots (Compassion)
- Livestock (Sustainability)
- Snacks for Schools and School Supplies (Education)



COMPASSION - LOVE IN ACTION

"It was wonderful, we gave wood to a single parent with two children who are poor and through that they now come to church, the father and two children. This is a miracle of God."

Robert Salamanov, North Macedonia

"The joy on the children's faces trying the new shoes, getting their hands full with warm clothes, waiting for the snow to fall and preparing for carolling is the greatest feeling."

Open Heaven, Romania

"We had a mix of old and new receivers, some already connected to the church, some new contacts. It helped us spread the Gospel and also show Christ's love in a practical way."

Tomislav Dobutovic,
Bosnia and Herzegovina

SUSTAINABILITY IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Dario Kapin and members of the Biblical Protestant Church in Zenica have been keeping bees for many years. The apiary is housed near Derventa, and the honey is sold nationally to provide a small income for the workers and the church. This year Dario wanted to develop the business so we sent a grant so he could buy new floors and roofs to create more bee colonies.



Dario told us,
"We are very thankful

for anyone of you who are supporting us, and are sending your funds, as working on the apiary, and working with the bees helps us to cover some of our personal costs, some church costs and it helps us to employ people in the church who don't have a job... This is a great project and we are grateful to all of you who are supporting us in this."

HELPING CHILDREN ACCESS EDUCATION IN ALBANIA

One of the bestsellers this year in the Education category was School Supplies. Gjergji Como at Mission Possible Albania wrote to tell us about their 'Back to School' packages for poor children in Bathore, Albania:

'Many families in Bathore cannot afford to send their children to school. Many of the parents... cannot afford to buy school supplies to support them for the whole school year. For this reason, we have children who don't get an education, or they drop out without finishing. By helping these families with school packages, we help the children stay in school and get an education that will direct their life and future. Bathore's community needs educated and capable individuals that will make a difference for the future generations.'

Because of your purchases through Essential Gifts, we were able to send a grant to this project in Albania, and to similar projects to provide school supplies in North Macedonia and Romania.

By buying one of the 24 wonderful gifts in the Essential Gifts catalogue you make a difference. Each gift has been chosen by one of our partners in the Balkans and Eastern Europe. Each gift you buy helps us send funds to support our partners run local projects and meet urgent needs. Essential Gifts are truly 'Gifts with a value, not just a price'.

Maybe you could buy one on behalf of a friend or loved one, as a Christmas or birthday present?

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The apiary in Derventa (top); Dario Kapin (top-left); Bees at the hives (top-right); school supplies (bottom)

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I enclose a cheque made payable to TEN ☐ | Please charge my: Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ CAF Charity Card ☐

Card number:

Security code: (Last three digits on back of card) Expiry date: /

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2. REGULAR DONATION

Instruction to your bank or building society to make standing order payments to TEN.

Name and address of your Bank or Building Society:

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Account number: Sort code:

Please pay to: **Lloyds, Regent Street, Kingswood, Bristol BS15 2HT** to the credit of **Eurovangelism**,
account number: **38611760**, sort code: **30-94-80**, the sum of:

£ First payment date: / /

and on the same day of each successive (month/quarter/year) until otherwise advised.

Signature:

Full name:

Date:

3. I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE TO:

☐ TEN's Strategic Fund* ☐ Specific people or projects:**

☐ I would like any tax reclaimed to go to the above people or projects.
(Leaving this blank will enable us to use your reclaimed tax for our Strategic Fund*.)

4. *giftaid it* MAKE YOUR GIFT WORTH 25% MORE!

If you are a UK taxpayer please complete this Gift Aid declaration which will enable us to claim tax back on your gift, making it worth 25% more.

I am a UK taxpayer and want TEN (registered name Eurovangelism) to reclaim tax on **all my donations until further notice**. I understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay the difference.

Please notify us if you: want to cancel this declaration; change your name or home address; no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

Title:

Full name:

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Date:

☐ Please tick if you want tax to be reclaimed only on this single donation.

* The strategic fund forms part of our general funds and enables us to meet whatever need arises.

** At least 85p in every £1 donated goes towards your chosen fund, with no more than 15p ensuring we continue to support that ministry, now and in the future.

Please complete and return this form to:
**Transform Europe Network, 23 Apex Court,
Woodlands, Bradley Stoke, Bristol BS32 4JT**

Trekking Musala

On 11 September over 10 of us set out from Borovets in Bulgaria to summit Musala Mountain over a three-day trek. The team was made up of Brits, Bulgarians, Serbians and Macedonians. Led by our guide Roumen Papratilov we summited on day two. Our team took on the trek to raise funds for TEN and encourage prayer for the region of the Balkans.

Although the trek is now over you can still sponsor us. One of our partners, Dusan Beredi (Bera), was on the team. Would you consider sponsoring him? To sponsor Bera, visit:

<https://transformeuropenetwork.enthuse.com/pf/dusan-bera-serbia>

The Trek Musala team, along with those who have walked many miles in the UK have now raised several thousands to support the work of our partners. **Thank you to those who 'Walked the Balkans' and to all who have sponsored them.**

For fuller reports about the trek, visit www.ten-uk.org or watch our video updates on Facebook and Instagram.



The Trek Musala team at the summit of Mount Musala

Equip Your Church at Christian Resources Exhibition (CRE)

TEN will be at CRE Midlands 2023, hosted at Cranmore Park, Birmingham 8–9 November.

We have resources to equip your church for mission at home and in Europe:

- **TENteam trips:** Support our partners by joining a team next year, or sending a church team.
- **For the Nations:** A six-week group study looking at God's heart for mission, with two sessions online with people in Eastern Europe. Why not introduce it to your youth or home group leader?

Tickets for CRE are free. For every person who obtains a ticket using our unique link, CRE will give TEN a £1 for each visitor who comes through the door—as long as we have a minimum of 20 people take up the offer!

Here is our link to get your free ticket:

<https://eventdata.uk/Comp/CREMidlands2023.aspx?TrackingCode=TEN>

Visit us at Mission On The Map in the Diamond Suite. **See you there!**

www.creonline.co.uk



Learning Discipleship

This summer, Ivan Petrov shared his plans with TEN for Discipleship Training School (DTS) outreach. Having direct links with partners in Sombor, Štip and Radoviš, we sent a grant to support him.



Ivan Petrov:

I was a staff member at DTS for five months with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) Budapest. DTS combines lectures and outreach. Our outreach took place over nine weeks in Serbia, North Macedonia, Albania and in Hungary where we served at a YWAM conference.

We visited Sombor Christian Fellowship led by Pastor Zoltan Vogel. In North Macedonia, we served in Evangelical Church Štip, my home church where my father, Petre Petrov is Senior Pastor. Later, we worked with Pastor Robert Salamanov at Evangelical Church Radoviš.

Our activities ranged from organising and leading services through worship, testimonies and preaching. We held youth meetings and supported the churches with their children's activities. We did street evangelism and went on prayer walks for the places we visited.

In Sombor, we got to know many young people through evangelism. We also visited church members in their homes; it was wonderful getting to

know them; hearing their testimonies and praying for them. Some of the students blessed the church by creating a mural on its garage.

In Štip, I got to preach. We had a joint youth meeting with some churches from Skopje, Negotino and Kocani. We hosted a 'German Night' as some German students joined our youth group. And in Radoviš, we held an International Cultural Night with foreign food, quizzes and fellowship.

At DTS I learned many new things, walking with Christ and taking steps of faith. I grew as a leader and saw how God is faithful. I learned to be more humble, obedient and teachable. It was a blessed time and we pray for everyone we ministered to.



*Ivan Petrov (top);
Prayer walk in
Sombor (bottom-
left); prayer meeting
in Štip (bottom-right)*



Lucy's Roundup

By Lucy Reid, Mission Engagement Worker at TEN

Transformation at Camp Fokus

Outreach transforms strangers into close friends. I saw how a group of young ladies went from travelling together in a car at 3am to Bristol Airport, barely knowing one another, to developing sweet and joyful friendships.

For me, this is one of the beauties of outreach; developing deeper relationships with each other on the team or listening to the stories of the locals you serve and gaining a heart for that place.

Camp Fokus was the first kids camp I have been part of and I so loved getting to know the folks at Good News Church in Split and the children. Our team did an amazing job of organising some fun outdoor games and stepping out of their comfort

zones in various ways.

I was blown away by their servant hearts; the way they grew in confidence and overcame language barriers.



Lucy, Madeleine and Hannah get involved with craft activities (top-left); Madeleine, Hannah, Lucy and Olga before their flight to Croatia (bottom-left); Lucy with Jeff Stevenson at New Horizon (right)

The Lord is faithful, and I felt the team was the exact right size that we needed. You did amazing, team—well done!

New Horizon

This year TEN went to New Horizon for the first time! New Horizon is a large annual Christian conference in Coleraine, Northern Ireland which is free to attend. The event took place from 6-11 August and the theme this year was Isaiah 61 – Joy From The Ashes.

It was awesome to see so many families many of whom had been coming to New Horizon for years. TEN had a stand in the Mission Hub alongside some other incredible mission agencies. I was there for most of the week and then our wonderful Ambassador, Jeff Stevenson took over, followed by Nicola Peacocke and David Carson. It was a good opportunity to introduce people to TEN. A big **thank you** to our super volunteers who helped at the stand!





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