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# Firm Foundations

By Rhod Jones, UK

**We have this hope [in Jesus] as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. (Hebrews 6:19)**

This verse was shared at my first youth group soon after I gave my life to Jesus; words that continue to have a profound effect on my life.

Throughout my experience with TEN, sharing this truth has always been at the forefront of their work. Seeking to help and encourage our brothers and sisters to evangelise and transform the people of the countries they work in has, and always will be the ongoing motivation taking them forward.

I recently had the privilege of taking a small group from the Baptist church in Battle to meet TEN partners, Dragan and Biljana Manev, who lead Resen Evangelical Church, North Macedonia. Their lives epitomise their firm foundation in their Lord Jesus Christ as they seek to share the Good News within their community. It was so encouraging and challenging to see them reach out to the sections of their society that are rejected and marginalised

by most people, demonstrating God's love and support in practical ways.

Dragan and Biljana's goodness give them a credible platform to introduce people to Jesus' saving grace. It was thrilling to see how by living out the radical hospitality of Jesus, they caused people to take hold of the firm foundation he offers to all. Additionally, Dragan and Biljana meet with those in their communities who have power and influence, showing them that Jesus is the one that brings true love and compassion to their world.

I encourage you to read on and discover the many ways TEN equips and enables our brothers and sisters in Europe, to point others to that firm foundation in our volatile world.



*Sunday gathering at Resen Evangelical Church, North Macedonia*

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# Welcome



## The Story Continues!

It is almost sixty years since Dave Foster started making journeys from Switzerland, behind the Iron Curtain into Eastern Europe and the Balkans. The ministry of our partners and TEN has changed significantly in that time. However, our DNA has not changed. The call remains. We remain committed to seeing lives transformed through Christ's love, shown and shared by our partners.

### Will you join us by celebrating these sixty years of God's work through Eurovangelism (TEN)?

Tedi and Didi Oprenovi, Leonora Maloku and Petre and Daniela Petrovi are coming to our Supporter Conference to celebrate with us and share about God's work through them.

**Our celebration weekend is 29th – 30th March 2025.** We will have a day conference and young adult worship event on Saturday. The next day, partners will speak at churches around Bristol and later on that day, we will finish with a celebration service. You may have been part of TEN's work for many years or just a few. Either way we would love you to be part of this weekend as we thank God for his faithfulness over the last six decades and look forward to the next chapter. **Book your ticket at:** [www.ten-uk.org/conference25](http://www.ten-uk.org/conference25).

The weekend is called, *The Story Continues...* God's work goes on and we hope and pray you will join us in playing your part in the next chapter of this story. Thank you for all you have contributed over the time you have been involved with TEN.

Happy New Year. I hope to see you in March.

James Vaughton, CEO, TEN

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# Supporter Conference 2025: The Story Continues

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On Saturday 29th March we will hold our Supporter Conference to celebrate sixty years of ministry in Eastern Europe and the Balkans.


The conference will take place at St Michael's Centre, The Green, Bristol, BS34 8PD from 10:00am until 5:00pm. A light lunch is included.



## Speakers: In person

**Tedi & Didi Oprenovi, Sofia Baptist Church, Bulgaria**

Tedi and Didi are both pastors of Sofia Baptist Church. As pioneering leaders, they support, train and nurture leaders in Bulgaria and beyond.



**Leonora Maloku, Fellowship of The Lord's People, Kosovo**


Leonora is a gifted leader, passionate about showing and sharing Christ's love, particularly to those who are the most marginalised.



**Petre and Daniela Petrovi, North Macedonia**


Petre is the president of the Evangelical Church of Macedonia. We will interview Petre and focus on raising up the next generation of Christian leaders in the Balkans.

## Speakers: Via video



**Emil & Vesna Puzderlievi, Struga Evangelical Church, North Macedonia**

Emil and Vesna are leaders of a young church in a predominantly Muslim part of North Macedonia. It is a beautiful location but spiritually very tough.



**Boris & Urša Ćurčić, Christ Gospel Church Podgorica, Montenegro**


Boris and Urša first met at a drugs rehabilitation centre in Croatia and that is just the beginning of their story.



60 Years

*The Story Continues*

## Young Adults' Worship Event



**On the same day, 7:30 – 9:30pm**, we will continue our celebrations with our Young Adults Worship Evening at **St Michael's Church**. It will be a sweet time of worship, pizza, and we will hear an encouraging testimony from our special guest from the Balkans.

For all the details and to book your free ticket, visit our Eventbrite page at: <https://youngadultsworship25.eventbrite.co.uk>

## Thanksgiving Service

Why not make a weekend of it and join us on Sunday **30th March at 4:00pm** for our special thanksgiving service to give thanks for God's faithfulness over 60 years! Tedi and Didi Oprenovi, long-term partners for over 30 years, well-known and loved by our supporters, will be speaking at this celebration service.

Our thanksgiving service will be held at **Christ Church Parish Church, Downend Road, Bristol BS16 5UF**. We are serving light refreshments after the service. If you are planning to come, please email Melanie Griffiths at [melanie.griffiths@ten-uk.org](mailto:melanie.griffiths@ten-uk.org) or call the office.'

## A New Chapter Unfolds

I wanted to let you know that after nine amazing years with TEN, I am formally retiring on 31st March, though I hope to still be involved in some way. I have loved working with you, our wonderful supporters and churches. Thank you for all you do to pray, give and encourage our partners and God's mission in Europe.

**Melanie Griffiths**  
Supporters & Churches Officer at TEN



# Building Up the Next Generation

By Jonida Osmani and Enxhi Tashi of International School of Theology & Leadership, Tirana, Albania

## Jonida Osmani

Jesus teaches us in Matthew 7:24, 25: *“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock”.*

This verse has accompanied me all my life as a Christian. I've taught at International School of Theology & Leadership (ISTL) for about eight years. I teach Church History and it's a great privilege to work alongside the students as they witness God's hand over the Church throughout history.

In a rapidly changing society, theological education provides a foundation for understanding life's profound questions, ethics and purpose. At ISTL, we equip future leaders with the knowledge, spiritual growth and skills they need to serve their communities better. This is God's heart, and I will follow his calling.



## Enxhi Tashi

I started my studies at ISTL alongside studying Law. Those were three intensive years of my life. But I could never replace the joy, commitment, and growth that I experienced.

Even after graduating at ISTL, there was still something drawing me back to visit and return to classes. Now, I stand on the other side of the table; still a student but learning from a different view.

My love for education has grown in dimensions I could never describe. But more than that, Christ's love for his people has grown within me every passing year. This combination makes me want to teach and learn alongside students; people that I love and have so much to learn from. Authentic Leadership, the subject I teach, makes me see teaching differently, as more of a heart attitude with the gospel at its core, rather than just instruction.



# United in Purpose: Lausanne Conference 2024

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Last year, Eri Ndreca, the Vice Director of International School of Theology & Leadership travelled to Seoul-Incheon, South Korea to take part in the Lausanne Conference. This was only the fourth conference since the Lausanne Movement began in 1974 in Switzerland, a movement that focuses on mission and discipleship within every part of society. TEN part-funded Eri's trip as part of our strategy to support women in Christian leadership. Here is what Eri shared about her experience:

Over the past thirteen years, I have had the privilege of serving young leaders at ISTL, a role that continually fuels my passion for empowering the next generation.

Last September, I had the incredible opportunity to join the Lausanne Movement gathering in Seoul, South Korea.

This event brought together over 5,000 evangelical leaders from more than 200 countries, marking the 50th anniversary of the Lausanne Movement.

It was the largest global gathering of its kind, and the sense of unity and shared purpose was palpable.

The week was marked by moments of sharing, witnessing, and contributing to the broader mission of the global evangelical church. Each morning began with powerful expository sessions, and afterward, we gathered in small groups for discussion and prayer, reflecting deeply on what we had heard. In the afternoons, we divided into collaborative teams, engaged in discussions and determined practical actions to support our shared goals. Through these sessions, my heart was ignited, not only for what I could personally contribute but also for the incredible potential of the global church when united in purpose.

This experience has left me with a renewed sense of mission and a powerful reminder of what we, as a global community, can achieve. I look forward to carrying this fire forward as I continue my work with ISTL, inspired by the possibilities of what God can accomplish through us all.



# Kingdom Momentum: Strategy Update

By James Vaughton,  
Chief Executive Officer at TEN

Thank you for your support over the last year. I was talking to one of our supporters recently and it was amazing to reflect with them on their faithful support over many years. We could not do this without you!

Over the last twelve months, and as we enter our 60th year, we have been looking ahead and seeking God's will for TEN. Our sense is that God is calling us to "Go where there is Kingdom momentum".

I want to share those priorities with you so that you can be praying for TEN and our partners as our story continues:

- 1. Work with our partners** to support and raise up new pastors, evangelists and leaders. Partners tell us of the existential need to train and resource the next generation.
- 2. Help partners build firm foundations** for the next chapter. This could be through partners running a small business, strengthening local fundraising, or benefiting from our match-funding programme.
- 3. Understand what God is doing** and play our part in his transformation plan. Change is the new constant. God is at work in this, so rooted in prayer and listening to God's Spirit we will respond to God-given opportunities.
- 4. Increased resourcing of partner ministries.** We will make new connections, develop TEN, invite UK Christians' involvement and fundraise so that partner ministries can thrive in the years ahead.

We invite you to continue to play your part. As I read recently, some may go, many will give, and all can pray. As part of looking forward, during the year we will launch a special 60th anniversary campaign which will focus on funding new leaders in the Balkans and Eastern Europe. We'll tell you more in the next edition of Connect, but please prayerfully consider sowing into the next generation of evangelists, pastors and leaders. If you want to talk to me about this, please email me at [james.vaughton@ten-uk.org](mailto:james.vaughton@ten-uk.org).

*Clockwise from top-left:  
TEN Partners Ivan Petrov,  
Katerina Koleva of SEAM  
(pictured with her husband,  
Mile), Alban Krasniqi, Albano  
and Genta Manxhari*



# Prayer Diary

## Prayer requests from Eastern Europe and the Balkans

January – March 2025

[ten-uk.org/daily-prayer](http://ten-uk.org/daily-prayer)

### January

#### Albano & Genta Manxhari, Albania



**1** God has given us the perfect building for our new church. It is near the centre of Tirana, and it cost us a price that is almost impossible for that area. Ask God to provide the equipment we need to furnish it. Pray for God's blessing and that we use the building only for his glory.

**2** Give thanks with us that God has answered our prayer and brought a young woman to our church who is gifted in singing, playing the guitar and piano. This lady will support Genta in our sung worship and develop courses for others to grow in worship.

**3** Please pray for our church's evangelisation projects. We are planning to start the Alpha course this month or next and our focus is students and professionals. Ask God to prepare the hearts of those who will come and that the fruits of this course will affect our community.

**4** Pray for the heart of every church member to grow in God, to thirst and hunger for his word, so that he prepares us for his harvest.

**5** Pray for our growing family that we will be completely devoted to God and diligent in his word. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide us completely.

#### Dragan & Biljana Manev, North Macedonia



**6** Next month, we are hosting Night to Shine again. This is a prom night especially for disabled people and we expect around 300 people, including families, carers and volunteers. Pray especially for the owner of the venue, who is Muslim. He was so blessed by last year's event that he prayed for it to happen again.

**7** Today is Christmas Day in North Macedonia and other Orthodox countries. Please pray for our outreaches. We are staging puppet shows and we will share shoeboxes of gifts across our region. Thank God we had a blessed time last year with a Roma youth team. Ask God to bless the work again.

#### Evangelical Church of Macedonia, North Macedonia



**8** Continue to pray as we celebrate Christmas. We are grateful for the opportunity to share the Good News with many friends and relatives. Please pray for them and those who attend our services, especially during this time.

**9** Ask God to encourage the children who have received Christmas shoeboxes to come to our Bible courses.

**10** The poverty in our country is increasing. We are actively involved in reaching people in need with food packages, warm clothes and other provisions. Please pray for the people we serve, especially during this winter season. These ministries are so important.

**11** On 8th March, it is International Women's Day and each year we organise evangelism events for this time with a special focus on reaching women with the Good News. Pray for many women who have not been to our churches before to come to our events.

**Ami Oprenova-Stavrou,**  
Bulgaria

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**12** Following the Christmas season and its preparations, many have become interested in joining our handbells ensembles and choir. Praise God!

**Slavko Hadžić,**  
Bosnia and Herzegovina

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**13** I am so thankful that last year I got the opportunity to speak at two youth camps during the summer. Praise God for the young people who made the decision to follow Jesus.

**14** Give thanks that Association Good News organised their first regional conference on evangelism in Sarajevo last October. We had 100 participants from eight countries including half from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**15** Pray for the distribution of Christmas gifts to children and that they would know how precious they are.

**16** Association Good News is organising evangelism events. Pray for the training in preparation for sharing the gospel.

**Srdjan & Ruth Vorotovic,**  
Montenegro

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**17** We hope to share gifts through the Christmas shoebox programme. Ask God to give us wisdom and direction if we go ahead.

**18** Ask God to bring families with children to our church, so that Teodora can have friends to hang out with who will be a positive influence in her life.

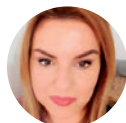
**19** Pray for Ljubo to have opportunities to share the Good News in his shop.

**20** Pray for Anastasija, Stefanija and Mladen to remain on the path God has brought them to and ask God to equip them to share the gospel with their peers.

**21** Please pray for the spiritual awakening of people in Kotor, Tivat, Herceg Novi and other cities on the coast of Montenegro.

**Anita Dimitrievska,**  
North Macedonia

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**22** A year ago, we began working with a couple in significant financial debt due to the husband's gambling. God has freed him from his addiction and he is slowly managing to pay off his debt. The couple now attend church, and I have started an Alpha Course with them. They have already expressed their desire to be baptised.

**23** We are holding art evenings at church and hope to host an exhibition at the end. The aim of the evenings is to break down barriers and fears about coming into our church. I am making connections; ask God to help me strengthen friendships, meet new people and share my faith.

**24** I am praying for God's guidance as I work with students in Ohrid. I have asked Student Evangelical Association of Macedonia (SEAM) for support and to bring a group of students to work with us. Please ask God to open doors and bring the right people through whom many young lives can be reached.

**25** During this Christmas season, we are hosting children's events and distributing gift packages. Pray that God will move in the hearts of the children and that we can start holding children's classes. We want to be a church that includes all generations.

**26** Pray for socially disadvantaged families in Ohrid. There are so many due to the high cost of living from tourism and social disparities. As a church, we want to help several families with food and provide spiritual nourishment by sharing the gospel with them.

### Fellowship of the Lord's People, Kosovo

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**27** Please pray for Pastor Artur and Brikena Krasniqi and their family. Pray for all the leaders in our church.

**28** Pray for our regular Mercy Ministries. Pray for provision and strength as we serve the poor. Ask God to meet their physical and spiritual needs and that our relationships with them will reflect Christ's love and compassion.

**29** Pray for all the children's ministries. Ask God to bless the children, their families and the workers involved. Pray that the seeds of faith being planted in young hearts grow and flourish.

**30** On 8th March, it is International Women's Day. Lift up our outreach efforts on this special day. Pray for boldness, wisdom and compassion for us as we share the Good News, and that hearts will be open to the message of salvation.

**31** Today is the International Day of Prayer for Kosovo. Ask God for spiritual revival and unity across our nation. Pray God will guide our leaders, heal divisions and bring hope to every community through the gospel.

## February

### Anatol Dunas, Moldova

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**1** We praise God for blessing us with the new church plant of Larga Nouă. We give thanks for the people who helped us set up and build this church.

**2** Please pray for the final requirements for the new church at Larga Nouă. We urgently need both heating and air conditioning systems.

**3** In November last year, we celebrated the marriage of Dima and Irina. They are a couple who got saved some months before. Both Dima and Irina's previous spouses died. Now, they are a family with three children. Please pray for them all.

### Fetija Halili, Albania

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**4** We are going through a very tough time. Last year, five church members passed away. Please pray with us for healing. There are a lot of women in the church who are suffering from serious illnesses.

**5** Ask God to work in the lives of our young people, especially those addicted to drugs and alcohol. Pray that God would provide for our youth ministry.

**6** We are thankful for having such a faithful God. He is with us through all of these hard times.

### Dario Kapin, Bosnia and Herzegovina

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**7** Ask God to protect our bees so they survive this winter.

**8** We are pursuing building projects in Zenica and Derventa. Ask God to provide a second space for our children's work and an office.

**9** We praise God for the brother from South Korea who wants to stay with us and be a missionary in our church and town.

### Youth For Christ Kosova, Kosovo

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**10** Pray for me (Alban) and Albana as we lead Youth for Christ Kosova. Ask God to provide for our needs, especially as we expect our first child. Pray for the future work of YFCK and our volunteers, who are an active part of our work.

**11** Pray for Superwoman meetings and for Drita, who leads the ministry.

**12** Thank God for Bajrush joining our team as a part-time worker. Pray for his family. Give thanks for the two youth clubs he has launched and pray that he will be able to help equip local churches. Our goal is to launch a third club soon.

**Emil & Vesna Puzderlievi,**  
North Macedonia



**13** Pray for our preparations for next month's outreach among women. It is International Women's Day on 8th March and on this day, we will focus on sharing God's love with the women in our town.

**14** Today, we are having a Valentine's Day outreach among the young people. Please ask God to bless this work.

**Dušan & Mira Beredi,** Serbia



**15** Last month, we held our Royal Rangers winter camp. Ask God to continue to work in the spiritual lives of the teenagers.

**16** Please pray for the work and development of Rainbow Rehabilitation Centre. Pray for the recovery of the addicts entrusted to us by God, for their spiritual growth and for new addicts seeking help. Ask God for wisdom for the staff as they advise them.

**17** We will hold a big evangelistic campaign this week, starting today. One hundred Christians from Norway are visiting to work with us. Pray for fruit as we tell people about Jesus Christ and demonstrate his love through social action.

**18** Pray for our business ventures at Rainbow Rehabilitation Centre; for things to go smoothly with our removals business so we can earn enough to sustain ourselves. Pray that we have sufficient income through our businesses and our donors.

**Boris & Urša Curčić,**  
Montenegro



**19** Please continue to ask God to save more Montenegrin people. We are praying for people to be hungry and thirsty for the truth. We thank God for every conversation with unsaved Montenegrins. We've had so many opportunities lately to speak about God.

**20** We are grateful for the work of God between Christian leaders in Montenegro. Continue to pray for love and respect between us. We see such progress as Jesus teaches us to grow in love.

**21** Pray for those who come to our church regularly, but do not want to get baptised. We are praying they recognise the importance of taking this big step in their lives.

**22** We are thankful for many friends who came to visit us this summer and helped with our sermons. We recognise God's love through them. Please pray for co-workers to come and stay to work with us. Thank you so much for your prayers and support which are making a difference too.

**23** We are praying for finances to build a new toilet, so we can have two; one for men and one for women. Pray that God provides everything we need.

**Vladimir & Marljana**  
Cizmanski, Montenegro



**24** Please pray that people would be more open to respond to the Christmas tracts we distributed last month.

**25** Pray for the growth of our church plant in Kotor, and that more people would be interested in the gospel.

**26** Please ask God to enable all the permissions for the building project in Podgorica to be granted so we can start building soon.

**27** The missionary family in Cetinje needs finances to stay and continue the great work they started there. Please ask God to provide everything they need.

**28** Pray for the men in our church to become disciples and that the word of God will take root deeply, so that the church can grow on firm foundations and good leadership.

## March

**Dragan & Biljana Manev,**  
North Macedonia



**1** Pray for our evangelism work this month through our Gospel Van. We will have a youth team join us as we share the Good News in many places around North Macedonia. We also plan to have a 'Bible Bike' to cover the narrow streets in the centre of many towns.

**Ivan Petrov,**  
North Macedonia



**2** Pray for guidance and favour as we seek a new location for our church in Sveti Nikole. Ask God to lead us to the best place for us to serve our community.

**3** Ask God to encourage more people to come to our church in Štip so we can reach and serve more people effectively. We pray for spiritual growth.

**4** Pray that I will be able to cover my financial needs and continue my ministry work.

**5** This year, our youth group will attend the biggest Christian youth festival in the Balkans so they can be inspired and encouraged in their faith. Ask God to provide the funding we need to go. The festival is being held in Croatia.

**6** We celebrate the faith journeys of new believers and that they have made a commitment to Christ. Please pray they will take the step of baptism.

**Ami Oprenova-Stavrou,**  
Bulgaria



**7** Please pray for health and energy through this season of hard work and many worship rehearsals. May God use us to preach and spread the gospel.

**8** Please pray for us as a family. Dimi is nearly two years old and we have entered a time of teething, viruses and growth spurts that don't leave us much chance of sleeping. We hope things will settle so we can truly give our all to our family and church.

**9** Thank you to everybody who is supporting and praying for us! We feel very encouraged after the TEN conference in Bulgaria last year and feel God working.

**Gavril & Aghi Covaci,**  
Romania



**10** Please pray for those who are sick or widowed and for the elderly in our communities.

**11** Pray for our mission with Roma people during the winter period. The weather makes road conditions and the preaching of the gospel more difficult. May those who hear the word receive Jesus into their hearts.

**12** Pray for my wife, Aghi, for me (Gavril) and for our family, that God will give us strength and better health so we can continue our mission with Roma people.

**13** We plan to have Bible studies through the winter. Ask God for the resources we need – pens, notebooks and some Bibles. Please pray for the adults and young people who want to grow and prepare for mission and the preaching of the gospel.

**14** Thank you for all of you who are involved with this great help and who continually help the poor. You are a great source of encouragement to me and my family, the churches, my mission team and a great motivation for me to continue in the work. May God reward you well. Many blessings.

**Vance & Tanja Golomevi,**  
Serbia

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**15** Pray for the city of Požarevac and the surrounding town where we have missionary churches and groups. We want to establish new churches in numerous places.

**16** Pray for our work with children and young people. We would love to have mothers bring their children to church more regularly and we're hoping that sharing the gospel over the Christmas period will draw children and parents to Christ. We are also asking God to raise up a youth leader.

**17** Ask God to raise up apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers in our church, to prepare his people for works of service. We also ask that God brings us more musicians to be part of the worship team.

**18** We need to complete our church renovation project, so we can make our building fit for ministry. Ask God to provide all we need. Pray for permissions, funds and all the building plans we need to complete this work.

**19** Please pray for those brothers and sisters who were baptised to come regularly to church and not stay at home to follow our services remotely. Pray that these people who have made a covenant with God will return to him and be part of the church.

**Robert & Krasi Salamanovi,**  
North Macedonia

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**20** Pray for our Christmas outreach among Turkish Muslims to bear fruit. They are unreached with the gospel. This Christmas, we shared gifts with the children.

**21** We are expecting children and their parents to come to our church to hear the gospel—about sixty in total. Ask God to open their hearts to receive the Good News.

**22** Please pray for our prison ministry as we give the prisoners Bibles and tracts.

**23** We have twenty children coming to our creative workshop. Pray for this ministry.

**24** Ask God to work in the hearts of the miners we are trying to reach with the gospel.

**Tomislav & Lidija Dobutovic,**  
Bosnia and Herzegovina

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**25** Pray for all our church's ministry. Ask God to bring new people to faith in him. We have been holding special events such as games nights, creative workshops for ladies and movie nights. Pray for our ministry with teenagers and ask God to bring back church members who don't attend regularly.

**26** Ask God to guide us in our work at Usivak and Blazuj refugee camps and the Hope Community Centre. Pray for our programme to reach migrants with the gospel.

**27** We have been involved in humanitarian work in the flooded areas of Jablanica and the villages by Konjic, Kiseljak and Fojnica. Please pray we would reach those people and places who need our help.

**28** The Bible Institute have been holding seminars. Ask God to raise up new leaders in our local churches.

**29** Pray for us as a family. Ask God to lead us in our future and give us fresh vision, strength in ministry and support. Pray especially for our son, Natan, who is in his second year of study in Split, Croatia.

**Student Evangelical Association of Macedonia,**  
North Macedonia

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**30** Please pray for our international student group in Štip.

**31** Ask God to provide all the finances needed to support our staff.

# Remembering Graham Loader

By Elizabeth Cox,  
UK

Graham joined Eurovangelism (TEN) in the 1980s as a trustee.

He had a huge wealth of abilities, partly honed by his time church planting in Bristol, together with his wife Shirley.

Many of you will remember Graham's rich teaching and humour at conferences. He had the rare gift of taking God's profound truths and making them understandable and palatable to the rest of us. Despite his busy schedule, he was always approachable to pastor people at home and abroad.

Graham made many trips and found a niche working with the student unions in Poland. He gave a series of lectures on apologetics at Oradea University in Romania, and in the former Czechoslovakia, he taught church leaders about small group leadership and how to embed converts in the faith.

It is impossible to convey the full stature of Graham; his open heart, teaching abilities, and great passion for the gospel were qualities that are rarely matched. We thank God for his considerable contribution to the work of Eurovangelism over several years.

Graham is survived by Shirley, four children and numerous grandchildren.



# Honouring Benjamín Martín at Andalusia Evangelical Congress

By Ana María Huck,  
Evangelism in Action, Spain

The Evangelical Council of Andalusia held their 8th Evangelical Congress on 18th-19th October, with some 500 guests who were challenged by the theme, *Serving Your Generation*. The event highlighted the importance of active commitment by believers to their community, and to the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of society.

In the presence of prominent representatives and civil and religious leaders, three pastors and a Christian publishing house were recognised for their work. Benjamín Martín, Director of *Evangelsimo en Acción* (EEA) was honoured for 35 years of faithful ministry in Andalusia (southern Spain), and 51 years with EEA.

There is no evangelical witness in nearly 14% of Spain's municipalities. EEA holds evangelistic activities in five locations. The radio programmes *Dialogues of Truth*, produced and recorded in the **EEA studios** in Málaga, are still broadcast to a population of nine million.



Benjamín and Maria Rosa  
Martín (centre) at Evangelical  
Congress of Andalusia

# God Provides Through WinterHelp



By Ken Millwood, Partners Officer at TEN

A huge thank you to all who give towards our WinterHelp campaign. Last year we sent out twenty-three grants to partners in nine countries. TEN was able to fully fund eight projects and part-fund fifteen projects. At least 575 adults and 821 children were supported through WinterHelp.

Thank you also to all who have purchased items from the Compassion category in our Essentials Gift range. Half the gifts purchased in this category are items our partners then distribute to people in need as part of their ministry through WinterHelp. Because of this direct overlap WinterHelp grants are supplemented by some of the funds raised through Essential Gifts.

Here are some of the encouraging reports we received from our partners last year.



## Tefik Musoski, North Macedonia

'This grant was used to support Roma families in need. The funds were used to buy firewood and pay heating bills. Ejvas is the father of three children. When asked what difference the help he received made, [Ejvas replied], "Just when we needed wood and we didn't have money to buy it, the wood we received helped us for a certain time until we bought wood. We trusted that God would take care at the right time".'

## Tomislav Dobutovic,

Bosnia and Herzegovina

'Mirko is one of the neediest persons connected to our church. He lives on the outskirts of the city. The firewood Mirko received helped him to survive this winter. He and his wife were so happy for blankets too.'

Tomislav reported that the grant was used to provide for both church members and contacts the church wants to share the gospel with; 'So, it helps the needy in church, but also it is an evangelistic tool. It is witnessing Christ's love in a practical way.'



## Marinela Rotariu, Romania

'The grant funding was utilised to procure essential items for families in need. This included providing shoes and firewood to support families who are caring for an adult diagnosed with advanced cancer.

Additionally, the grant was used to assist families with a child diagnosed with a life-threatening or life-limiting illness, by supplying them with necessary footwear and firewood.

'Three daughters tragically lost their father to cancer. During his illness, we were able to assist them by providing firewood and purchasing shoes for the girls through the WinterHelp grant. The family faces financial constraints, and our support made a significant difference in helping them meet their basic needs.'



Partners report the price of essential items has gone up again.

Each item our partners give out, whether it be firewood, a blanket, warm clothes or winter footwear, is used to help children and adults survive the harsh winter conditions in Eastern Europe and the Balkans.

This period may be tough for some of you in the UK. So, only, if you are able, will you consider supporting us so our partners can continue to provide practical relief to the most vulnerable in their communities. This can be done either by donating to our WinterHelp appeal, or through purchasing any of the following **WinterHelp Essential Gifts**:

### Here are some Essential Gifts that our partners in Europe have requested for this winter:

- Firewood: **£45**
- Blanket: **£12**
- Woolly Hat, Scarf and Gloves: **£15**
- Winter Coat: **£25**
- Winter Bundle: **£70**

To support WinterHelp, visit [www.winterhelp.org](http://www.winterhelp.org), send a donation by post using our Giving form on page 19, or call the TEN office on 0117 961 5161.



# Lucy's Roundup

By Lucy Reid, Mission Engagement Worker at TEN

## Online Prayer Gathering

Our quarterly online prayer gatherings are a space for partners and supporters to come together and lift the prayer needs of a specific partner and their ministry, as well as the needs of all the partners present.

Our next online prayer gathering will happen on 21st January at 7:00pm so mark that date in your diaries. We will be joined by a fantastic guest speaker from the Balkans who will share more about their ministry and how we can pray for them. We look forward to praying with you and interceding with God for what he is doing in Eastern Europe and the Balkans.

To join us, **register in advance** so we can send you the video link to join. Visit [www.ten-uk.org/online-prayer-gathering/](http://www.ten-uk.org/online-prayer-gathering/) to register. See you soon!



## WhatsApp TEN Prayer Community

Not a big fan of email, but still want a simple way to know what to pray for our partners in Eastern Europe and the Balkans? You can now sign up for our **TEN Prayer Community on WhatsApp**.

Messages are broadcast to the community, which means those who join can find out about our partners' latest prayer needs without receiving lots of notifications. For privacy, any personal details are only seen by the community administrator.

To join our community to pray for TEN and our partners, email me at [lucy.reid@ten-uk.org](mailto:lucy.reid@ten-uk.org).



## The TEN Podcast

We are back with another fantastic series of podcasts with some amazing guests. In this series, Rachel Lee shares how to lead a trip overseas, we discuss what worship is with Alex Berechet, and The Send's Iggie Clarke talks about living a lifestyle of evangelism.

You can check out The TEN Podcast on Spotify, Amazon Music, Audible and Apple Music.



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I would like to give £  (total amount). Please acknowledge my donation:

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:   /

Signature:  Name on card:

## 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:

Bank/Building Society:

Branch address:

Postcode:

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:

WinterHelp  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:

Address:

Postcode:  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**

# A Heart for Kosovo

By Richard Arnold, UK

This was my eighteenth visit to Kosovo, though this is the first time I went to support a TEN partner - Fellowship of the Lord's People.

I spent some time at the church's House of Hope community centre in Kacanik, gardening and painting exterior walls. Most of my time was spent working in Pristina in the church basement, moving boxes and bags of clothing before they were sent on to the church's local Mozaik charity shops in Pristina, and the surrounding villages. There, I met Nana and Hakki.

Nana (this name is Albanian for 'mother') takes any clothes which are unsuitable for the charity shops and sells them at the local market to raise money for her family back in Albania. Her life has been difficult, and she has various medical issues but continues to

work at the age of 76 because like many other people, she has no other choice. There is no free health care in Kosovo or Albania.

Hakki is a driver for Mozaik who delivers the clothes to the various shops. He has some problems and is illiterate, yet he is precious in the sight of the Lord. It is to people like Nana and Hakki that we are called to go and show something of God's love in both word and deed. This is my calling. Maybe God is challenging you to go somewhere to show his love to others.



TEN organises trips throughout the year. Take a look at our opportunities on the next page.

Left to right:  
Richard with  
Hakki; sorting  
clothes in the church  
basement; helping  
Nana sort clothes

# TENteams Opportunities 2025

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## **Women's Trip to Albania,** 6th-13th May

We are returning to Pogradec, Albania to serve with our partner Erion Cuni in the women's ministry. There will be opportunities to share testimonies, help with the children and youth ministries and visit believers in the local villages.

## **Women's Outreach in Struga,** North Macedonia, 6th-13th May

We will head out with the women's Albania team and then part ways to go on to Struga in North Macedonia. Here you will help run a cultural night for the locals, lead Bible studies and get involved with some friendship evangelism.

## **Camp Fokus in Croatia,** July (dates to be confirmed)

This is our third year at Camp Fokus children's camp! Come with us to the Croatian mountains, where we will journey deeper in our personal faith with God, help lead and facilitate camp activities and allow space for God to move in the lives of the children.

For more information or to apply visit our TENteams webpage:  
**[www.ten-uk.org/tenteams](http://www.ten-uk.org/tenteams)**.

All trips are for those aged over 18 years.

# Radiating Love: The Church Next Door

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By Andrei Ghidion, Pastor of Burlacu Baptist Church, Moldova

**Maria, a well-respected businesswoman, lives next to Burlacu Baptist Church. In March last year, she made a covenant with the Lord despite facing many challenges.**

Besides managing the family shop, Maria faithfully looks after her seriously ill husband and is herself fighting cancer.

Maria was impacted by the close relationship she has with the believers of the church, who always greeted her warmly and shared God's love with her. She was deeply moved by their sincerity and faith. Maria decided to place her life completely into God's hands.

The day of Maria's baptism was really special. Many friends and relatives came, due to her influence in the community, and all who came were struck by the beauty and solemnity of the ceremony. It had a strong impact. Maria's decision to follow the Lord wasn't just a personal testimony of faith, but an inspiration to all those around her!

Andrei  
baptises  
Maria



# Arise & Shine

By Vesna Puzderlieva,  
Struga Evangelical Church, North Macedonia

**Arise and Shine, was the theme of the ninth ANA Women's Conference, held on 11th-13th October in Struga, Macedonia.**

**Everything from the worship, testimonies, preaching, prayers and fellowship, was beautifully led by the Spirit of God. The harmony of different gifts, creativity, and the blessed unity of women from different churches, backgrounds and ages permeated every aspect of the conference.**

Many of the ladies looked forward to returning. Some came from abroad, while others took unpaid leave from work just to be there. There were also many women who came for the first time and they were impressed by the welcome and the programme. Their unanimous comment was, "It won't be our last time".

The presence of many young women was the highlight. They are the present and the future of God's kingdom in our country! They are our bright and

shining stars! How blessed we are to have them!



I considered it as a huge privilege to speak at the conference. My message focused on 'Arise' and 'Shine'.

## Rise

Arise from all the things that kept you down for so long: fear and anxiety, guilt and shame, insecurity and negativity, despair and pain, demonstrated by the biblical examples of women and my personal life experiences.

## Shine

Be the Samaritan woman; a lighthouse of hope, a beacon that points to the only one that can save. Be Tabitha; bring out the God-colours in the world. Be Phoebe, who's name means 'radiant one'; share the gospel and be a light in this world lost in darkness.

We all arrived overwhelmed and a bit hardened with life. But we left feeling heard, seen, softened, nurtured, renewed, empowered and encouraged to take the next step on our personal paths. I look forward to watching all these women soar, to rise and shine and to create profound waves of change in Macedonia!



*Top: Vesna Puzderlieva speaking at the conference*

*Bottom: Worship at the conference*

# Opening New Doors

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## Erion Cuni, Pastor & Church Planter at Church of God, Tirana, Albania

Twenty years ago, an elder of Church of God started ministering in the small town of Cerrick, which is located on Via Egnatia; the road Paul is believed to have travelled to preach the gospel. We wanted to continue his work by planting a church, but we had nobody to send. Then last year, Ilir, Donika and Lysi Qelemeni—faithful servants of our church in Elbasan—answered God’s call. The church opened on 15th September.

Ilir, Donika and Lysi’s vision is to bring faith, hope and change to their community, but their DNA is church planting. We thank God for TEN and a few partners who enabled us to send

them and provide the startup for the church.

The church is small and needs help for the rent, children’s ministry and weekly transportation between Elbasan and Cerrick. Ilir, Donika and Lysi support themselves through employment while also studying Theology and Leadership at ISTL Albania. Please pray for them.

*Ilir, Donika and Lysi outside Church of God, Cerrick; Erion Cuni prays over Donika, Ilir and Lysa*



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## Anatol Dunas, Pastor & Church Planter at Cahul Emanuel Baptist Church, Moldova

In 2019, I and Lucian Tabac, my first disciple decided to plant a church in Larga Nouă, the last village in the Cahul district with no evangelical church. But soon after, the pandemic season came. We could not start our ministry. It was unexpected and painful. Then in December 2020, Lucian was called home to his LORD.

But the dream did not fail, and we prayed constantly. I met Alexandru Buzila and we decided the dream could be realised in 2023. After nearly two years, we have

a community of believers who meet weekly and each Sunday. We also visit each house and visit the local school.

On 13th October 2024, we celebrated the God who gave us our new church building. About 150 people came to celebrate; they could not all fit inside. We keep inviting people each Sunday. We want to give as many people as possible the opportunity to hear the gospel.

*Alexandru and Ina Buzila, and Anatol and Nadea Dunas outside Emanuel Baptist Church Larga Nouă; people of the village celebrate their new church building*





Freezing winter temperatures in Eastern Europe and the Balkans mean those experiencing poverty or homelessness struggle to keep warm.

Can you help?



Donations to **TEN's WinterHelp appeal** equip our partners to provide **fuel, winter clothing and essential supplies** to people within their communities who struggle to stay warm and well during the harsh winter months, and to show them **God's love**.

Visit **[www.winterhelp.org](http://www.winterhelp.org)** to learn more and **give the gift of hope** this winter.

You can also support WinterHelp by purchasing a **WinterHelp Essential Gift** to help provide practical items for those living in need.

