

June 2019

#### **Dear Friends and Partners,**

Warm greetings from Serbia, finally warm greetings, as we had rain everyday for well over one and half months.



### First baptism

Last, Sunday, in the middle of June, we had our **first** baptismal service in our **new** church building in Kraljevo!! Praise God! Sasha, our next door neighbour from Čačak, where we have our services, got saved this Spring, which is amazing. He got baptised and Manuel from Kraljevo, 14 years old, who was brought up in our church.



# Edward & Richard from London



Our dear friends from London, Pastor Edward Issitt and Pastor Richard Smith of Oasis Church Feltham came to us in March and blessed us tremendously with their superb ministry. People in Kraljevo and Čačak were touched very much by their sincerity, love and amazing anointing.



## Light of the Gospel Ministries

We lead churches in Kraljevo and Čačak that we planted, and have believers in five other places in central Serbia. *Our vision is to reach central Serbia for Christ, one of the least evangelised regions of Europe.* In the cities and places that we are reaching there are no evangelical churches whatsoever. In 1997 when we started to plant church in Kraljevo there was not one single evangelical believer. Our ministry is a pioneering ministry, taking over new territory for Jesus,



making roads where there are literally no roads. Even today we are the only evangelical church in Kraljevo and in Čačak.



## **Ministry in Kraljevo**



Throughout this Spring we had different activities with the aim to reach

people for Christ, to build them up in faith, train them to live a life of righteousness and empower them for ministry.

In our Easter services we had many unbelievers present who were able to hear what Jesus accomplished for us by His cross and resurrection.

We had amazing teaching and ministry by Sasha, Sara, Cory, Milan Bogdanovic, and Pastor Stojan Petrovski from Skopje, North Macedonia.



## **Building progress**

In the upstairs of our new church building at present it is completely empty. We would like to furnish it and make it fully functional. Upstairs we have a minor hall, four rooms, a kitchen and bathroom. Some rooms will be used for offices and some will be multifunctional, ready to be used as guests rooms, too. We plan to put a nice big chrome cross at the top of our church building which is very important in our context. For these jobs we need approximately £12.000. Please, pray that God would provide for that. Thank you very much for all your gifts and generosity. Only together we can build God's house where people can be saved and transformed.





## Čačak church

Work in Čačak is progressing well. Sasha, a next door neighbour to our church, got saved and was baptised. Apart from Sasha, Sara and Cory, we have very uplifting ministry of Milan and Dusica Lazic, and Danijela Marinkovic. Our sister Cana, in whose house we have our

regular meetings in Čačak, she has given the whole floor upstairs of her house to use for our



church meetings and activities. It was empty and unfinished, without any doors or windows. So now we are in the process of renovation. Once we finish our building work, we will have there our service hall, kitchen and bathroom. This year we expect to move in. Please, pray for that.



## Unforgettable trip to Israel

In the first half of April we were blessed to be given the privilege to visit the Holy Land. To be



where Jesus was, to walk where He walked and to pray where He prayed, was amazing.

From Capernaum and Nazareth in the north to Hebron and Masada in the south, from Tel Aviv in the west to the Jordan

river in the east, we experienced the sights and the sounds, the length and the breath of the Holy Land. And it w a s n o t j u s t unforgettable to be in Bethlehem, or in the

Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, or in the Garden Tomb, or in Capernaum and Nazareth, or on the Mount of Olives, or sailing in the boat on the Sea of Galilee, but also to actually meet people of the Holy Land - Orthodox and



Messianic (Christian) Jews, and Muslim and Christian Palestinians. Reading and studying the Bible after this will never be the same.

#### Conferences

Conferences are great to refresh us spiritually and for connecting. Sasha was really blessed to be



at the Volksmission Conference in Schwabisch Gmund (near Stuttgart), Germany, in February, and at the PEF Balkan Conference for pastors and leaders in Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina, at the beginning of May.

While Sara enjoyed so much at the women's Cherish Conference in Leeds, UK, at the beginning of June, among 8000 ladies in Leeds Arena.

#### Ministry in Bietigheim-Bissingen, Germany

It was an honour for Sasha to minister at the Volksmisison church in Bietigheim-Bissingen (near Stuttgart), Germany in February. Pastor Steffen Thomas and people in his church are so warm and hospitable. Meeting and being with Dirk Glaser, a great friend of Sasha, and his family was especially enjoyable.





## Ministry in Pozarevac, Serbia

At the beginning of March Sasha and Sara were able to minister in Pozarevac and to support the great work Pastor Dragan and Kaca Cvetanovic are doing in eastern Serbia.

## We need your support

In order to reach new territory for Jesus in central Serbia we need your prayers, regular support and gifts. It is so necessary for our ministry, and helps us significantly to make a real difference and change the spiritual climate here. Thank you very much for your prayers and generosity. Only together in partnership we can build the Kingdom.

## God bless you,

## Sasha & Sara

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