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MINISTRIES

March 2020

Dear partners and friends,

We want to greet all of you, who are faithfully and regularly standing with us and supporting us in our mission to reach central Serbia for Christ, with the words of Jesus: “Fear not, for I am with you.”

We are praying that God blesses you and protects you.

The State of Emergency

What a strange season we live in. This morning, at the beginning of Spring, we woke up, here in Kraljevo, to see the biggest snow of the whole Winter.

Over a week ago a ‘State of Emergency’ has been declared in Serbia to fight the corona virus, all borders are closed, all airports are closed, all schools and nurseries are closed, all restaurants, pubs and cafes are closed, all gatherings banned, both outside and inside, a curfew from 5pm to 5am so far, it can be extended even more, people above 65 are banned from leaving their homes at all times. The army is on the streets to help police enforce the rules.

In this strange season we continue to have all our meetings regularly, at times in which we normally have them, but they all **all online** now. We have services on Sunday mornings for our church in Chachak and on Sunday and Thursday evenings for our church in Kraljevo. We are using social platforms where we can all see each other. Together we praise and worship God, we pray together and we preach the Word of God. Our God is still the Lord of the harvest.

We also use this opportunity to communicate and encourage each other in faith during the week and to witness to unbelievers.



Gospel Outreaches

For a month, from the half of December to the half of January, we had the amazing opportunity to preach the Gospel in five schools in Kraljevo and to give all pupils evangelistic booklets about Jesus. The door was opened like never before. Sasha was able to reach the Gospel fully, he put John 3:16 on the board in each classroom and explained through that verse why Jesus came to the earth.

We were astonished at how nobody in our schools knew that famous Bible verse and how they were interested to learn. Pupils, teachers, principals, parents, school workers were present and heard the message of the Gospel. Some even came to the board to make a photo of John 3:16. It was fantastic. Over 400 pupils were reached with the Gospel plus adults... Light of the Gospel is shining brightly.



Church life

During the Christmas period in our church services we reached 200 people with the Gospel. So many came for the first time and the church was buzzing with life and excitement. We organised services for adults and services for children and





teens.



In our regular meetings in both Kraljevo and Chachak our emphasis is on preaching the Gospel and teaching the Word of God, so that faith can rise in people to become overcomers.





We had some great guest speakers, both from Novi Sad. In February we had Danijel Nikolic, an amazing preacher and the head of the Apostolos Bible School,

and in March Petar Pilic, a pastor of one big (by Serbian standards) Church in Novi Sad. They really blessed us.



At the beginning of February Margaret, Sara's mum, came to stay with us for a month.

In Germany

Sasha's great friendship with Dirk Glaser (the head of World Missions) and Bernhard Rockle (Superintendent) of Volksmission denomination Germany continues. In February Sasha really enjoyed being with Dirk's family and ministering at Connect



Church Beitigheim-Bissingen.
After that he participated at the top class
Volksmission Conference in Schwabisch Gmund.
There was great ministry by Gianni Geatta from
Vienna and Roy Todd from the UK.



It was an amazing opportunity to meet and to spend
very enjoyable time with Kirk McAtear, a

Pastor from Birmingham and the had of AOG GB World
Missions, with Pastor Roy Todd, UK, and Pelle
Hornmark (Sweden), the head of the Pentecostal
European Fellowship.

Sasha's sister Tanya

Sasha's sister Tanya suddenly left us and went to be
with the Lord in the second half of February. She was
young, only 47. It happened so quickly and was such
a massive shock for all of us, especially for Sasha,
who lost his dad, mum and sister, all within three
years. We then had to organise the funeral, with all
of our grief and sadness. But the good thing is that
the memorial service in the church in Kragujevac,
where Sasha's father used to pastor, and the funeral
in the village, near Svilajnac were amazing.



The church in Kragujevac has never been so full
before like that in the history of that church. We
could only have two rows of chairs, the rest we
had to take out and people stood next to each
other like sardines. Many unbelievers who were
there heard the Gospel, as well as many people
at the grave. Tanya was definitely very pleased
watching it live in heaven.



Please, pray for us

We need your prayers and support so that we can continue our mission to bring hope, love and faith to so many needy and desperate people in central SERbia. Thank you very much for being our friends and for all your financial gifts.

Your prayers and generosity makes a massive difference in the region, one of the least evangelised in Europe.

God bless you and protect you,

Sasha and Sara

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