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Pressing On to Win the Prize

By Leonora Kurti of Fellowship of the Lord's People Church, Pristina, Kosovo

After ten years of knocking on doors across Kosovo, one truth has become deeply rooted in my heart; we must never stop sharing the gospel. Not every door opens. Not every conversation ends with joy. Not every seed bears visible fruit straight away. Yet every step taken in obedience matters because God is always at work, even when we cannot see it.

Paul writes, *"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus"* (Phil 3:14).

Those words remind us that our calling is not measured by visible success but by faithful obedience. We sow the seed and God brings the harvest.

This summer, we welcomed a team from the UK to serve alongside us. It was a powerful reminder that we are not running this race alone. Praying, worshipping, and sharing the gospel together demonstrated the beauty of God's family—different nations united by one Lord, one mission, and one hope. Their partnership strengthened and encouraged us to press on.

I hope these stories from across Europe remind you that God is still

at work. Lives are being transformed, churches are being strengthened, and the gospel continues to bring hope where it is faithfully proclaimed.

If you feel weary, do not lose heart. God often works through small acts of obedience, quiet faithfulness, and perseverance over time. Let us keep praying, serving and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Together, let us press on toward the prize.



Leonora (left) ministering in Kosovo

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Welcome



I am getting close to running my first marathon for twenty years. I and a team of eight others are running in the Sofia Marathon on 11th October to raise funds for Emanuel Hospice and TEN. Find out more on page 17.

The hard graft and hot summer have meant early morning runs to avoid the heat, running for several hours to build up strength, cold baths, lots of stretching and a few nerves as to whether I can make it round the course! It is not glamorous, but it is vital.

The book of Acts is an exciting tale of great works of the Holy Spirit, churches being planted, amazing missionary journeys, miracles and more. God prepared His people for all that activity. The disciples spent three years with Jesus. Paul had three years in the desert—we know very little about this time, but I imagine without it he would not have planted all those churches and written all those letters. The unseen preparation was vital.

This reminds me of the unseen hard work of many in our partners' ministries. In Connect, we share testimonies of transformation, but behind these testimonies and reports are hours of hard work, planning time, fundraising, leadership training, generous donations and volunteer time.

Please pray that our partners and the team at TEN would be well prepared for the work God has called us to. And please also pray for my legs and the rest of the marathon team in the coming weeks.

James Vaughton, CEO, TEN

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Persevering Together and Seeing God Move

Our TENteams trips are always in direct response to the support our partners ask for, such as help with summer camps or a conference. A recurring request has been to have a team come to pray and worship, and so we established an itinerary to visit several partners in Albania, North Macedonia and Kosovo.



Heather Griffiths, UK

Albania was the first leg of our Worship & Intercession trip. Many TEN partners work in isolated and difficult situations, determined

to bring the love of God to those around them. I have a heart for Albania—born out of previous TENteam trips—and for intercession. It was wonderful to meet up and be warmly welcomed by three partners I visited in 2025.

We arrived in Tirana, the capital, during a time of nightly protests against the government, which called for investment in infrastructure and greater opportunities for Albanian people. It felt important to pray for the country and government in the capital's main square. We shared a word for the Church from Acts 12, encouraging them to persevere in prayer, even for seemingly impossible situations, and see God act.

In Berat, the centre for a religious sect, an annual festival takes place at the end of August, which sees thousands of lambs sacrificed. It has a significant impact on the spiritual atmosphere of the town, and so it was a great privilege to join with Pastor Artur Tushi and lift up the name of Jesus, the one complete sacrifice for sin.

Erion Çuni, "Life in Christ"
Church of God, Tirana, Albania

The visit from the team was special, not just because worshipping together is needed and important, but this year we have invested in worship to prepare the next generation in our church. Almost everyone came to our meetings.

There has been a huge need for prayer and worship at this moment. Our country has endured political unrest and protests since May. Unrest means fear for the future, but every time God brings His presence, fear goes



away. To come together as one, no matter the language, age or nationality reminds us of who really keeps our future secure. Thank you TEN and the team. God bless you.

Toby Marsh, UK

During our time in Macedonia, we visited and spent time with three different partners, then we worshipped and prayed with them and their church congregations in the evening.

The worship and prayer services we led at each church followed the same format each time, but despite this similarity, the way in which God moved and spoke each evening was so powerful and individual to each church.

I was particularly struck by the faithfulness of each of the pastors we visited and how, despite not always

seeing the fruit and encouragement that it would be nice for them to see, they continued to serve. We felt that one of our main purposes for being there was to encourage, strengthen and pray for the leaders there, particularly Anita and Vesna, as two women in leadership. It gave me a much greater understanding of how hard it is to be an evangelical Christian in this area.



Vesna Puzderlieva,

Struga Evangelical Church, Struga, North Macedonia

All the worries, anxieties and stresses of life take a toll on us. The

fear of the unknown, what we cannot control,

spiritual expectations as things don't go as we planned or hoped and prayed for, despite our faithfulness. And then there is there the unacknowledged loneliness. Believers in the Balkans know this feeling very well.

This is why the visit from the TEnteam is significant. Oh, how we need each other! Nothing happens without helping hands and serving hearts. Through worship and prayer, they lifted our weary hands, shared our burden and strengthened our spirits. And God was there! It was an encouragement to the soul and gave us fresh determination to keep on going.

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Left to right: Worship at Life in Christ Church of God, Albania; Toby Marsh (left) with the Worship & Intercession team and Anita Dimitrievska (centre with Heather Griffiths); Vesna and Emil Puzderlievi

Giving up is not an option for us. As we see things intensify on the earth, let's continue pressing on for ourselves, our loved ones, our countries, and for the Kingdom. The prize is worth it. It is Jesus, our Saviour, and He is cheering us on! So, let's proclaim the Kingdom of God with all openness and boldness, unhindered and unrestrained, because there is nothing like the satisfaction of knowing you have lived your life serving God's purposes in your generation.



Daniel Barnes, UK

I wanted to see how God was working in the Balkans. What I saw was pastors, chaplains and the wider Church, serving on the front lines of the Kingdom of God, full of passion, purpose and a vision to see their countries encounter a life-changing relationship with God.

In Kosovo the church perseveres despite fewer resources, nominal religion, and a culture that does not give them an easy time, in a region where the early Church was once accepted.

I watched Kosovans who had experienced the harshness of a traumatic war ask questions about Jesus, hug those who prayed for them, and lips wobble as they were given packages of food. The Church in Kosovo is entrepreneurial, articulate and persevering, seeing God move in ways that we long to, simply because they are responding to God's call on their lives.

Alban Krasniqi, House of Hope, Kosovo

The recent Worship & Intercession visit from our friends in the UK was a tremendous encouragement and blessing for us in Kosovo. While practical support is always appreciated, there is something uniquely powerful about believers who come simply to worship, pray, and stand with us before God.

The Balkans continues to be a spiritually challenging region, and we need more teams like this to come, not to lead programmes, but to strengthen the Church through prayer and intercession. Their presence reminds local believers that they are not serving alone. It builds faith, brings fresh encouragement, and creates lasting relationships between churches across nations.

As we press on to serve Christ, these partnerships reflect the unity of His Body. They are a visible testimony that we share one mission, one hope, and one Lord. We are deeply grateful for those who stand with us in prayer, believing that God will continue to advance His Kingdom throughout Kosovo and the Balkans.

Praying with people in Kosovo



Blessings from Our Brother in Kosovo

Thanks to your giving to our Spring appeal, we have been able to support our newest partner Arton Veliu and his wife Monica who serve in Kacanik, Kosovo!

Arton was a valued member of our Worship & Intercession team and an all-round legend. He drove us across three countries to visit five of our partners. Arton's joy and sense of humour was a huge blessing to the team and those who met him. It was also a testimony of what God has done in his life.

Towards the end of our trip, we visited Kacanik. It was no surprise and a delight to see how



Arton Veliu leads the way with the Worship & Intercession team

much Arton is known and warmly welcomed by the locals.

It was beautiful to hear and also witness how both Monica and Arton gave their "yes" to follow Jesus by moving to minister there. Pray for Arton and his growing family as they serve at the Hope Centre.

Remembering Colin Cooper

It is with deep sadness that we share that our friend, brother and long-term supporter, Colin Cooper has passed away.

Colin started his involvement with Eurovangelism (now TEN) when his wife, Lorraine, began working in the office in 1981. He started going to the annual conferences and meeting partners from Europe who spoke at various fundraising events and his interest in the work grew.

Colin was always ready to help with practical things such as loading trucks filled with aid that was sent to our partners, giving lifts to people, and stuffing envelopes filled with partner news for supporters.



In the 1990s, Colin served as a trustee of Eurovangelism, and his passion and enthusiasm grew, along with his knowledge. When he retired in 2019, Colin continued to volunteer at TEN. He coordinated and trained teams of supporters who visited and helped our partners practically.

Colin remained engaged in the work TEN was doing in Europe, and most recently went on a church trip to visit our partners in Moldova.

TENteach Presses on to Win the Prize

By Nick Clarke, TENteach Co-ordinator & Teacher

OK, I admit there are no prizes for finishing a TENteach online English course, although we do issue certificates. However, the team of teachers all press on by serving God through TENteach.

Our online classes follow a standard English course syllabus, with the addition of a reading comprehension based on the Bible in every lesson. Following requests from pastors and students, we are also offering conversation classes for some of the language levels from October this year.

A particular goal we've been pressing towards has been to develop our online resources. Over the past two years the teachers have been editing and compiling their lesson notes

into a series of e-books that can be offered to teachers in other countries. They can use the classes to tell local people about Jesus or make use of the online lessons with a wider group of participants. For any student who is unable to attend a live class, the teachers are also preparing a series of video lessons for self-study. This summer, the first of the e-books and self-study videos were finished.

The teachers press on with this project, with the hope that next year there will be a full set of e-books and self-study resources available to cover four language levels. We currently have a particular need for an Elementary level teacher, and for someone who could assist with e-book editing using PDF conversion software. If anyone is interested in either of these roles, or to facilitate conversation classes at other language levels, please contact me at nick.clarke@ten-uk.org.

Please continue to pray for the effectiveness of TENteach and for the English lessons and conversation classes, that through them more people will not only improve their English but also increase their knowledge and understanding of the gospel message about Jesus.



Prayer Diary

Prayer requests from Eastern Europe and the Balkans

October – December 2026

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October

Ruslan & Larisa Telpiz,
Moldova



1 We are grateful to God for enabling a team of people from Poland to come to Gotești and provide free optometrist services. Pray that this outreach to provide glasses for people in our village is a blessing and glorifies God.

2 Our home groups are having outreach missions this month. Please pray that God would lead and guide us as we share the Good News with people, and that they would accept Christ.

3 Ask God to provide the finances we need to sustain the ministry of our Day Care Centre.

4 We have a football ministry with young people, but we are in need of our own pitch. Please ask God to provide everything we need to build our own pitch on the church's land.

Slavko Hadžić, Bosnia
and Herzegovina



5 Please pray for our third Balkan Conference on Evangelism which will be held in Sarajevo on 7th-10th October. We expect roughly 200 participants. Pray each person will be

encouraged and equipped to share the Good News of Jesus, and to train others too.

Beginning of Life, Moldova



6 Give thanks for our Teens Summer Camp we had at the end of August. We pray it was a good starting point to build meaningful, new relationships with the teenagers that we want to continue throughout the academic year.

7 Give thanks for the new academic year. Pray for our opportunities to reconnect with the teenagers we have been serving, and for our relationships with the young people who are new to our programmes.

8 Pray for our volunteer leadership team, as we invest in their growth through regular planning meetings and leadership retreats. Ask God to strengthen, equip and unite them for the year ahead.

9 Pray for our Sunday Teens Clubs, that they will help young people build genuine friendships, experience God's love and grow in their faith.

10 Pray for our partnerships with local schools, as we continue welcoming classes to the Urban Center. Ask God to open hearts to the life lessons and biblical truths we share during these sessions.

11 Pray for the team running in today's Sofia Marathon and Half Marathon, from the UK and Romania. They are running to raise funds for TEN and the new integrated Palliative Care Centre at Emanuel Hospice. Ask for safety, strength and endurance and for many people to sponsor the team generously.

12 Pray for the completion of the Palliative Care Centre. Ask God to provide the necessary financial resources, skilled workers and smooth progress so that soon the facility will be ready to serve patients and their families.

13 Ask God to help expand our clinical team by providing us with a new nurse. Ask the Lord to lead us to the right person—someone with professional excellence, compassion and a heart for serving patients and their families.

14 Pray for members of our clinical team who will attend the National Palliative Care Conference in Iași from tomorrow. Pray that this conference will be a valuable opportunity for learning, encouragement and professional growth.

15 Please remember all the patients and their families under our care. Ask God to comfort them in their suffering, provide strength for each day and reveal to them the hope found in Christ. Ask that we have wisdom, compassion and endurance as we faithfully serve them.

16 In December, hospice volunteers and students from Emanuel University of Oradea will visit patients at their homes, singing Christmas carols and sharing the Good News of Christ's birth. Pray that these visits bring comfort, hope, peace and the love of Christ to each person.

Robert & Krasi Salamanovi,
North Macedonia

17 This month, we welcome two international teams who will help us share the gospel in Radoviš



city centre by giving out tracts and free coffee. Pray that many people will accept their invitations to the Norwegian and American evenings each team will lead at our church.

18 Pray for the local miners and their families that we have been ministering to and sharing the gospel with to accept Christ as their Saviour.

19 As we visit prisoners, ask God to guide us in our conversations with them and as we give out Bibles. May they believe the truth of God's word and put their trust in Jesus.

20 Ask God to bless our creative workshops that we run at the centre for children with special needs.

21 Pray for our work to share the gospel with Turkish people and ask that God touches their hearts.

Ami Oprenova-Stavrou,
Bulgaria



22 Please pray for our church community, especially our teenagers as we come to terms with the sudden loss of Rasho, one of our leaders who died in a car crash this year. Pray especially for Rasho's wife and children to stay close to God and experience His comfort.

23 Pray for our worship team, especially our new members, as we train together and try to grow in our musical abilities and spiritual leadership.

24 Give thanks that my husband Chris has been blessed with a lovely job which he started this year. Pray for us as a family and especially that Chris can keep his position and grow in his work.

25 Please pray for me as I suffer from migraines with aura, and the attacks have become more frequent in the last year. When I get them, the attacks prevent me from functioning properly for up to two days at a time.

26 Thank God with us for a successful Handbells Choir season and year. Pray with us for our ministry during the

Christmas season and that we have many opportunities to share the gospel.

**Valeriu & Angela
Munteanu, Moldova**



27 Praise God for the camps we had at the beginning of August. Pray that what the campers learned would stay with them and that they would continue to walk with God.

28 Pray for our home groups as we take part in outreaches during the autumn. Ask God to help us as we share the Good News with people in our community.

29 Pray for our work with children and teenagers. Pray that each young person would learn about God's love for them and trust in Him.

30 Ask God to provide us with servant-hearted people to run and develop our ministries with children and teenagers.

31 Pray for God to give us vision in our ministry. We are so grateful to you for your support for us through your prayers—thank you!

November

**Robert & Krasi Salamanovi,
North Macedonia**



1 Please pray that God will provide all the finances and resources we need to complete the insulation work on our church building.

2 Remember our family—Robert, Krasi and our son, David—before God, that He will guide us and we will listen and obey Him.

Fetijë Halili, Albania



3 Please pray that God will raise up faithful workers who are willing and ready to serve Him with joyful and devoted hearts.

4 Ask the Lord to open new doors for evangelism and provide more opportunities to share the gospel with those who have not yet heard it.

5 Pray that God will strengthen the faith of all the members of our churches, helping them to grow in their relationship with Christ and remain steadfast in their walk with Him.

6 Ask the Lord to grant us wisdom, patience, courage, and unwavering faith as we face every obstacle, challenge and difficulty in ministry, trusting Him to guide and sustain us.

Evangelism in Action, Spain



7 Give thanks that last month, Benjamín Martin represented EEA at the Andalusian Evangelical Congress. The theme was *Passing the Torch*.

8 Praise the Lord for our newly appointed directors Gabo and Ana and their three children. Please pray for them as they begin their roles.

9 Pray that we will establish many new contacts through our evangelistic concert this month. We will host a Colombian group on their tour in Spain.

10 Next month, we will distribute devotional calendars among our contacts. We will also share different literature at various Christmas evangelistic events. Pray that as we share God's word and the gospel, people will put their trust in Jesus.

**Ivan Petrov, North
Macedonia**



11 Give thanks for God's faithfulness this year. We have seen new people attending our church services and Bible studies in Štip and Sveti Nikole.

12 Please pray that God will continue to draw people to Himself, especially young people and families, and that many people will hear and respond to the gospel.

13 Pray for wisdom, strength and unity as we continue serving in the churches in Štip and Sveti Nikole. Ask God to guide us in our preaching, discipleship, evangelism and pastoral care.

14 Praise God for those who publicly declared their faith in Christ through water baptism. We rejoice as we witness their changed lives and spiritual growth.

15 Please pray for God's provision for the ongoing ministry in North Macedonia and for open doors where we can reach new communities with the hope of Jesus Christ.

Dario Kapin, Bosnia and Herzegovina



16 Please ask God to inspire and guide us as to how we can reach our Muslim neighbours in Zenica with the gospel.

17 Pray for God provision for our mission and vision to plant a church in Derventa.

18 Ask God to bless our work with our bees, so that we will have a good harvest and sustain our ministry.

19 Please pray for our family. Ask God to provide for us as we are currently experiencing severe financial hardship. We would also value some good rest.

Boris & Urša Čurčić, Montenegro



20 We believe that love and fellowship is key to the expansion of God's kingdom in Montenegro. Pray for this unity among all believers in this country. There are approximately 300 believers throughout fourteen church communities in a country of 500,000 people.

21 Pray that more Montenegrins will put their trust in Jesus Christ. Pray with us for people who are filled with the Holy Spirit to plant local churches.

22 Give thanks that we have had good co-operation with the authorities in

Montenegro. Please pray God's blessing over them and ask that we will continue to have a good, productive relationship with them.

23 Pray for a common vision throughout the churches in Montenegro to establish a youth camp and for young people to become disciples of Christ. Pray that God will provide for this vision.

24 Pray for the elders of all the churches as they are under the greatest threat from the enemy. Pray for the power to live in holiness and wisdom, and for them to be able to lead people in a way that is right and pleasing to God.

Beginning of Life, Moldova



25 Pray for our after-school holistic development courses, that they will help teenagers grow academically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. Pray for wisdom for us to mentor young people well and build meaningful relationships with them.

26 Pray for our Christmas outreach events next month. Ask that they will create opportunities to share the hope of Christ with teenagers and their families, and that many new relationships will be established through these celebrations.

Dušan & Mirjana Beredi, Serbia



27 Pray for the men at our rehabilitation centre. Ask God to strengthen those who are struggling, encourage those who are growing and help each man to build a firm foundation in Christ, marked by faith, responsibility and healthy relationships.

28 Today is Rainbow Rehabilitation Centre's annual conference. Pray for us as we celebrate with former and current programme participants. May it be a time of encouragement, restored relationships and powerful testimonies of God's transforming grace.

29 Pray for wisdom as we develop businesses for our rehabilitation centre. Our desire is not only to provide meaningful work for the men but also to build long-term financial stability that will enable us to serve more people with the hope of the gospel.

30 Next month, we will host our annual youth conference. Pray for us as we welcome young people and guest speakers from across the region. Ask God to deepen faith, strengthen friendships across churches and raise up a new generation of bold and faithful disciples.

December

Danny & Vera Kuranji, Serbia

1 We are most grateful for all TEN has done for us over many years, with the same vision, passion and care. Praise God for all that has been invested in our part of the world. It continues to honour and serve Jesus Christ.



2 Pray for us that God continues to use us where He leads. The road is now wider as we share, invest and support churches, ministries and have many mentoring opportunities.

3 Pray that we are sensitive to the Holy Spirit as we give of our time and finances to counsel and encourage others.

4 As we invest in the younger generation, pray that we will be able to encourage them to increase their desire to share the gospel, and that it will bear much fruit. May all the glory be given to God for what He has done.

Anita Dimitrievska, North Macedonia

5 During the summer, we welcomed many tourists and international visitors. Give thanks and pray with us for Martina, who is from the Netherlands



and has been attending our Sunday services since July. Pray that she remains strong in Christ and serves Him faithfully.

6 December is our special outreach season where we distribute Christmas gift bags for children, aid packages and organise programmes. Pray that God will work powerfully in the hearts of everyone we meet, and that through His word, many will put their faith in Christ.

7 We have started our third year of art evenings. Pray that they will encourage and attract many people, but above all, that God will touch the hearts of those who attend and many will experience salvation.

8 Pray for the women who attend our women's meetings. Ask that every woman will be encouraged and challenged to use their God-given gifts to serve Him, and that new people will come to know Christ.

9 Please pray for me, that God will give me fresh vision, wisdom and creative ways to reach more people with the gospel. Pray that God will raise up more workers here who are willing to serve Him faithfully.

Youth for Christ Kosovo, Kosovo



10 Please pray for me, Alban and my wife, Albana, as we continue to lead YFC Kosovo.

11 Pray for all the young people who participated in our summer camps, that the seeds planted in their hearts will continue to grow, and that many will take the next step and follow Christ.

12 Please pray for the city of Prizren and for continuous fruit from sharing the gospel there. Pray that those who heard the Good News will respond to God's call and become part of a local church.

13 Ask God to encourage, strengthen and equip each member of the YFC Kosovo team as we serve Him together.

14 Please pray for a strong and fruitful start in this new ministry season. Ask God to bless and bring about fruit from all our regular programmes, outreach ministries and discipleship activities.

Srdjan & Ruth Vorotović,
Montenegro



15 Continue to pray for Stefania, that the blessings she received at the teenagers camp will bear fruit and witness to Christ in her life.

16 Pray for Bogdan and Anastasija who are siblings from Podgorica that attended our children's camp. Pray for them to continue to walk with the Lord and remain faithful to Him.

17 Ask God to provide a church building for us where we can worship Him.

18 Please pray for good fruit and many blessings to come from the women's conference, held in Podgorica several months ago. Pray for the relationships formed and application of the teaching.

Mission Possible Albania,
Albania



19 Pray with us that the Lord will provide us with a building of our own. Our desire is for our ministry to continue to grow.

20 Pray that the Lord provides another full-time worker. The Church in Albania greatly needs workers as many leave the country, and very few seem willing to get involved with ministry. Pray that the Lord brings us someone who is humble, teachable and has integrity.

21 Pray that we find faithful people who will teach others. We want to be intentional not just by sharing the gospel through words and actions, but also by investing in others. We want this work to continue even when we are no longer there.

22 Among the many gifts we pray for, what we need most is for the Lord

to baptise us in love. Pray for a baptism in love for each other, the church, our Muslim neighbours and for the lost. May everything we do flow from the love of Christ.

Nikola Atanasov, Bulgaria



23 Pray with us for the relationship and communication between two families to be restored, as there has been a disagreement concerning property.

24 Please pray for our upcoming evangelism outreaches. Pray for new souls to be saved.

25 Pray for Peshko to be freed from drug addiction.

26 Thank you for your powerful support! Praise God that we have seen prayers answered and won victories through intercession.

Vance & Tanja Golomeovi,
Serbia



27 Please ask God to raise up a youth leader to encourage and teach our young people.

28 Pray that God will empower believers in our church community to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, so that all His people will be equipped for works of service.

29 Ask the Holy Spirit to guide our brothers and sisters and show His power to them.

30 Please pray that God will provide all the finances, materials and professionals we need to complete our church reconstruction and renovation, and also our prayer house.

31 Pray that our brothers and sisters who now rely on social media for church services will return to church and grow as disciples.

Essential Gifts: Bee-Keeping Provides Hope & Sustainability

By Ken Millwood, Partners Manager at TEN

Helping partners become more sustainable is a strategic aim at TEN. However, translating this into reality can be quite hard.

Back in September 2024, I met with six partners in Moldova and we discussed this topic. A few months later, Andrei Ghidion, who serves in Burlacu, contacted me with two potential projects.

Using funds raised through purchases from our Essential Gifts Sustainability category and match funds from churches in Bristol and Peterborough, we sent a grant to Andrei. The first project to raise quails and sell the eggs didn't work out as the local person due to run it moved abroad.

But the second project, a bee-keeping business, has started positively. Andrei used the collaborative funding to purchase fifteen bee colonies. With some of his

own funds he bought forty empty hives and other equipment and materials. In July, Andrei told us, 'The bee-keeping project continues to develop very well. This season we have already harvested a good amount of honey. My hope is that Marius [who works with me in the church's ministry] will become actively involved in this project. It will provide him with a source of income while also allowing him to continue serving at the church Day Centre.'

Marius and Andrei at the apiary



Christmas Cards for Sale!

This year, we are delighted to launch our new Christmas cards. The cards showcase the work of artists from the art group that meets at Ohrid Evangelical Church, North Macedonia. Pastor Anita Dimitrievska started the group which has brought together local women and children to paint and develop their gifts.

Our pack of eight cards showcase four beautiful Christmas designs that have come straight out of the arts sessions.

If you would like to purchase them, they are now available on our website at £5.99 per pack. Visit ten-uk.org/shop/gifts/christmas-cards. If you would like to sell some packs at your church or home group, contact us on 0117 961 5161.



Legacies of Eternal Impact

Leaving a gift in your will is an important way that supporters can leave a legacy that has an eternal impact for people in the Balkans and Eastern Europe. Would you consider whether you would like to leave a gift in your will to TEN? A couple of our current supporters told us why they have decided to do just that.



Barbara Smith

A few years ago, when I was writing my will, I felt very strongly led to leave a substantial amount to

Christian mission work and chose TEN for a number of God-given reasons:

I have always loved the way TEN had cared for both the spiritual and bodily needs of the people they work with. I also felt at one with TEN because of the way they support partner churches and pastors, keeping such close connections with them.

The way TEN encourages teams from UK churches to go and visit their partners is a brilliant way to give those people hands-on knowledge, and experience the needs and difficulties of partner churches, enriching their prayers for those on the front line.

TEN is a relatively small organisation but because it is God-led it is doing great things. I would encourage anyone, writing their will, to prayerfully consider a legacy for TEN and then, like me, thank God that their money will go on bearing fruit, through TEN, long after they have died.

Dexter Slatter

TEN will be the main Christian charity I leave a gift to when I am called to be with Christ.

The ministry of TEN and its many partners is one of the most inspiring works of God that I have come across, seeing the gospel bear fruit in the lives of the new generation of fellow believers in the Balkans and Eastern Europe.

My prayer is that you and others like you will be as inspired to find your part in continuing your own service for your Saviour, such as having TEN named in your will.



If you would like to learn more about leaving a legacy, please contact Lucy Reid for a legacy pack at lucy.reid@ten-uk.org, or call our office on 0117 961 5161.

Sofia Marathon: Running the Race



The Sofia Marathon is getting close. On the team we have Warren, Zoë, Justin, Matt, Jon, Mihai, Raul, Chris and James. Discover what is motivating our runners to take part and raise funds for TEN and Emanuel Hospice, Romania.



Matt Williams will run the full marathon:

TEN is an amazing charity that works with many people across Eastern Europe but does it in a way so that local people are leading the work. Crucially, TEN brings the real hope needed, both spiritually and practically. Having had family and friends struggle with cancer in the later stages, the chance to build a first ever in-patients cancer hospice in western Romania is one of the motivations to get my sore legs around Sofia for the marathon.

facing difficult journeys with serious illness. By running, I hope to encourage others to support the compassionate care that Emanuel Hospice provides, ensuring that patients can live with dignity, comfort, and hope. Thank you to everyone who supports this cause—your generosity makes a real difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Finally, Warren Howes tells us why he is running:



I've never been a sporty person, but have been casually running for a few years, and I've done a few 10k races. But I was looking for something special for my first half-marathon. I've also never run to fundraise before or been to Bulgaria. The opportunity to run for TEN, and in part of the world where they support local Christians was too good an opportunity to pass up.



Two of our team are from Romania and connected with Emanuel Hospice. Mihai Rotariu (left with Raul Benea) shares his motivation:

I am running the Sofia Half Marathon to raise funds for Emanuel Hospice and to support the patients and families they care for every day. Every kilometre is a reminder that many people are

Do pray for the team, their running and fundraising efforts. If you want to sponsor them and spur them on, visit stewardship.org.uk/pages/run4ten

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Steps of Obedience through Baptism

By Vjeko Mršić,
Pastor of Good News Church Split, Croatia

The Christian life is a dynamic race that demands endurance and complete devotion.

There is a deep desire within to serve God and make the most of the priceless gift of salvation. But salvation is not the finish line of our faith journey—it is the starting line. The very first step of obedience in this race is baptism which is a foundational act with profound spiritual significance.

Baptism serves as a public declaration of an inward transformation and a conscious alignment of our lives with Jesus Christ. Baptisms at Good News Church Split are joyful celebrations of the whole church body in our Sunday worship services. Here are testimonies from people who were baptised recently:

For me, baptism meant surrendering the authority over my life and physically demonstrating my inward transformation. It brought relief regarding future sufferings and uncertainties, knowing that Jesus is the one leading and guiding me. The entire process of forgiveness and the redemption of sins meant so much to me, because it brought me joy and lifted the heavy burdens from my shoulders that I had been carrying my whole life.



A baptism at
Good News
Church Split

I was baptised at the age of thirteen because I realised that I had been taking certain aspects of my faith for granted. I believed in God and knew there was no reason to delay my baptism since I had already surrendered my life to Him with all my heart. I came to understand that baptism is not just a personal decision, but also a testimony to others. Because of that, I experienced my baptism as a public confirmation of my faith, a visible sign of my covenant with God, and an opportunity to witness to others through my life.

Through the water of baptism, we visually identify with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. It connects us to the Church and establishes a spiritual identity, reminding us that we no longer live for ourselves, but for Him.

Praising God in the Public Square

At the start of June, the first Christian concert of its kind took place in the main square in Podgorica, the capital of Montenegro. Believers from across the country came together to organise the event. Here's what several of our partners had to share.

Vladimir Cizmanski,
Podgorica Evangelical Church

This concert was significant for Montenegro because we believe that it was also a kind of breakthrough in this culture and society. Evangelical Christianity is still quite unknown in this part of the world, and any constructive presentation is a step further in the process of getting closer to people. We are grateful to the authorities who are inclined towards openness and dialogue and even financially supported these activities.

We are grateful to God who made it possible that songs of praise, a children's choir and the word of salvation could be heard in the heart of Podgorica. We hope that this kind of witness continues next year, to push the boundaries more so that ordinary people can understand the gospel message better.

Boris & Urša Ćurčić,
Christ Gospel Church, Podgorica

The Ministry of Justice, which is in charge of working with churches and religious organisations in Montenegro, decided to support our vision and finance the entire event. They provided a stage, a hotel for some believers, pastors and Christian bands from the region.

This event was the fruit of joint prayers of all believers and denominations in Montenegro over the last two years. Every church made a big contribution to make this happen. In addition to the three bands, we had a children's choir, a drama called *Sin Jacket*, evangelistic messages from two pastors and several testimonies. The event was attended by about a hundred believers from Montenegro and many passers-by who stopped to pay attention.

We saw some people crying and confessing the Lord Jesus. Some of them joined local churches after that and we believe we are still to see fruit.

We thank all of you who have supported our efforts in the Lord with your prayers. All glory and thanks be to our God for the opportunity to serve Him, and for all He does to expand His Kingdom.

*The children's choir perform;
Worshipping God in Podgorica*



Evangelism in Action

By Benjamín Martín, Director of Evangelism in Action, Spain

Philippians 3:14 is an inspiration to us. The Apostle Paul shows us three realities: direction, effort and motivation; the goal is Christ.

Every July, Evangelism in Action runs a variety of activities. In Málaga, southern Spain, we hold a festival-style evangelistic campaign in several towns. This year, our motto was 'Smile at life, we bring hope, Christ is our hope'. A team of adults and children met beforehand to receive training, pray together and to rehearse a new musical work that clearly proclaimed the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We set up a table with literature, New Testaments, and tracts, all offered free of charge. After the concerts, team members approached the audience to engage in conversation and distribute literature. While the children played, we took the opportunity to speak with the parents. In several towns, even the mayor and other authorities I've visited throughout the year attended, which strengthened bonds of trust. Pray with us for fruitful results for the glory of God.

At our Pinos Reales ('Royal Pines') retreat and camp centre near Madrid, we have organised camps for over forty years. We host about 200 children and teenagers, many of whom are immigrants or come from families experiencing hardship. A dedicated team of counsellors volunteer all year-round to prepare dynamic programmes with excellent

content and the clear purpose of testifying that Jesus is our Saviour and friend. When the children return to their homes, some of them even ask to pray before each meal, just as they did at camp. Families often send us messages of gratitude, commenting on the powerful impact they see in their children upon their return. Pray with us for the continued impact of the eternal fruit we sow.



The evangelistic festival in Málaga; Comics for the children

A New Season for New Victories

By Danijel & Aleksandra Rečković, Good News Evangelical Church, Bojnik, Serbia

This summer has been intensive, as we have focused on three major ministry priorities.

The first was the construction and completion of our Educational Centre which we opened in September. Our vision is for the centre to serve the wider community, especially children and young people. The main programmes include a preschool, an after-school programme, and a welcoming café space where young people can build friendships in a safe and caring environment.

This year, the Lord led us to new people—some had been invited to our church by friends and others had come, simply searching for God and the answers to life's questions—but the summer meant that many of them had to leave for seasonal work. Our second priority was to reconnect with people who had been away. In

July, we gathered for a joyful family dinner.

We are excited to see how the Lord will continue to lead and use each of us for the gospel

Together we worshipped God, prayed, shared fellowship, and celebrated His faithfulness. As the seasonal work has now ended for most families, we are excited to continue our regular ministry together.

Thirdly, we held our youth and children's camps at the end of August. Over seventy children, most of whom are unbelievers or only occasionally attend our fellowship came to our camps. Our prayer was that the camps were a place where many young hearts encountered the love of Christ.

As we enter a new season, we are expecting new victories, and we value your prayers for all that we do and are passionate about. We are excited to see how the Lord will continue to lead and use each of us for the gospel. Thank you for standing with us through your prayers and support. Please continue to pray for wisdom, strength, and open hearts as we serve our community.

Danijel and Aleksandra Rečković (top);
Worship at Good News Evangelical
Church; Sharing lunch and reconnecting
with returning families



A Better Prize for Bosnia and Herzegovina

By Ian Watt, Country Champion for Bosnia and Herzegovina

Ivo Andrić might not be a name you know, but he was the Nobel Prize winner for Literature in 1961.

Remembered in Bosnia and Herzegovina for *The Bridge on the Drina*, he lived through and wrote about the deep cultural tensions of his home region. Many centuries of ethnic conflict plus the current complex three rotating governments, overseen by a UN High Commissioner tell you it is not simple!

TEN partners serve in both majority Muslim areas like Sarajevo and majority Serb areas like Banja Luka. Being equipped to reach and evangelise is key. This summer saw some great training in Sarajevo recently, as many learned through the programme, *Love Your Neighbour – Engage Muslims with Christ*. Bringing people together matters, exemplified by TEN partner Slavko Hadžić of Association Good News, who works across the Balkans. It breaks down barriers within the region and amongst churches and ministries.

The work of the Protestant Evangelical Alliance that Tomislav Dobutović leads, and other partners join in with, is a key to building that wider unity. A missionary friend told me after an Alliance gathering they were very encouraged, seeing all the places where everyone was doing ministry on one map. Like Hebrews 11:32 *'I do not have time to*

tell about...' but there is a gallery of awesome Christian workers there.

In Banja Luka, some of partners help form a diverse team that reminds me of the workers in Antioch as mentioned in Acts 13:1. Last year, Ken Millwood of the TEN staff team and I visited Bosnia and Herzegovina to meet with TEN partners, and I plan to visit all the partners next year. I message our partners, and I run a weekly Zoom meeting to pray for the country and establish other strong connections with Christian workers and groups such as Burn Europe. It is tough and the cost is high, but the prize is worth it!



Ian Watt and Ken Millwood on the eastern side of Sarajevo (top); Ian and Ken with Tomislav and Lidija Dobutović



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