

Prayer points



Renato Jani in Albania

At the beginning of March, Renato Jani, our contact person in Albania, fell very ill with kidney problems. With the help of a medical friend, Renato received good treatment. Now, even though his life is not directly in danger anymore, he is still very ill. Please join us in prayer for Renato's complete restoration to health.



Update on bomb victim Ami Ortiz in Israel

Just before Easter 2008, Ami the son of a missionary couple in Ariel, Israel almost lost his life when a bomb hidden in a Purim gift exploded in his hands. Although terribly wounded, through the Lord's intervention, his life was spared.

Prayer request from the Ortiz newsletter:

Ami doesn't need any more occupational therapy. We will, God willing, have our meeting with the hand surgeons soon. Please continue to pray for full restoration of his left hand. We have to also see a burn specialist who will be able to tell us if Ami still has to wear the trousers of the pressure suit, but that won't be until May. Please pray for miraculous healing of

his scars. There are many large scars from the skin grafts, that in the natural, can only be covered over by radical plastic surgery. But our God is a mighty God, and Yeshua is Mighty to heal - please pray for continuous healing.

Presentations in Your Church

We are currently looking to get more people involved in Eastern Europe, and to promote EEO UK. If you are interested in having a presentation about the work of EEO UK in your church, house - or cell group, please contact us at 01737 249 277 or send an email to gerrit.wiersema@eeouk.org.

Medical care in Eastern Europe

In recent weeks I had to visit my local hospital several times. It made me realise how blessed I am that I live in a country where I can find a hospital every so many miles, where proper medical treatment is given to everybody; it does not matter if someone is living on benefits or is a multi-millionaire, medical help is available for everybody.

This is completely different in countries like Ukraine where the government does not provide a proper budget for medical care. The EEO Intl. branch in Ukraine bought a mobile clinic a few years ago. With its relatively simple medical apparatus, the doctors can collect important information about the patient's state of health. The screening of groups of people at risk from several diseases, often results in even more patients being regularly visited and monitored. The great benefit of these portable machines is that even people who are unable to leave their bed can be visited. On average the mobile clinic visits 20 to 30 people at a time. For these medical checkups people normally have to go by bus from their village, to the hospital in the city. This takes often more than half a (working) day and would cost them the bus fares, as well as the regular "gift" (bribe) for the medical staff.

Recently an eye-pressure-meter has been bought, which already has proved its value. An increase in eye pressure is an indication of glaucoma or cataracts. In most cases the pressure can be lowered by just a few eye-drops. Also the eye-specialist in the area is happy with this machine as, unbelievable but true, he does not have one himself. The eye-pressure-meter in the mobile clinic is the only one in the whole area with over 72.000 people!



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*I will be with you always, even until the end of the world.
Matthew 28:20b (CEV, Poverty and Justice Bible)*

Love for the lost

If the Bible is the true inspired Word of God (and I believe it is,) then Heaven and Hell are a reality. Then also the words of Jesus "no one comes to the Father but through Me" are a reality.

*We are living in a time where the Lord is being ridiculed, all over western Europe slogans like "Probably there is no God" are popping up everywhere. Due to political correctness no religion may be discriminated against and no God may be ridiculed, except the **real God** who made Himself known through His Word, the Bible.*

People are willingly ignorant of the Lord (2 Peter 3:5); many people walk away from the Lord and don't want anything more to do with Him. Many take their families and friends with them; others make it their calling to lead people spiritually astray. As Christians we should stand fast on the truths of the Bible, not making compromises. We should love the lost, and when the chances are there we should witness to them. God can change even the most convinced atheist.

Editorial

by Helen Jesze



JESUS, LORD OVER DEATH!

Just now, my husband and I are on a missionary trip to Germany. Two weeks ago, the nation was rocked by the news that a 17 year old boy had run amok and shot 15 pupils and teachers at his former school in Winnenden, then forcing a motorist to drive him 40 kilometres to Wendlingen, he shot somebody else, then committed suicide. He had used one of his father's 18 guns, which was kept open in the bedroom, and had taken 200 rounds of ammunition with him. By God's grace, he used only 46, or much more blood would have been spilt. We had just been to this town four weeks before and had also lived in Wendlingen for 4 years.

The father has since given all his weapons to the police, but it seemed as though he had fed his son a diet of guns and shooting, since he was a small boy. A practice shooting range had been built in the cellar for him, and he also spent many hours playing violent video and computer games,

such as "Counterstrike," which no doubt fuelled his addiction. The Lutheran church was packed full on the night of the shooting, and thousands of teenagers and their families are mourning and asking "Why?" and "How? could a boy, who outwardly seemed friendly, although quiet and withdrawn, do such a deed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who are connected with this, and who have lost loved ones and friends.

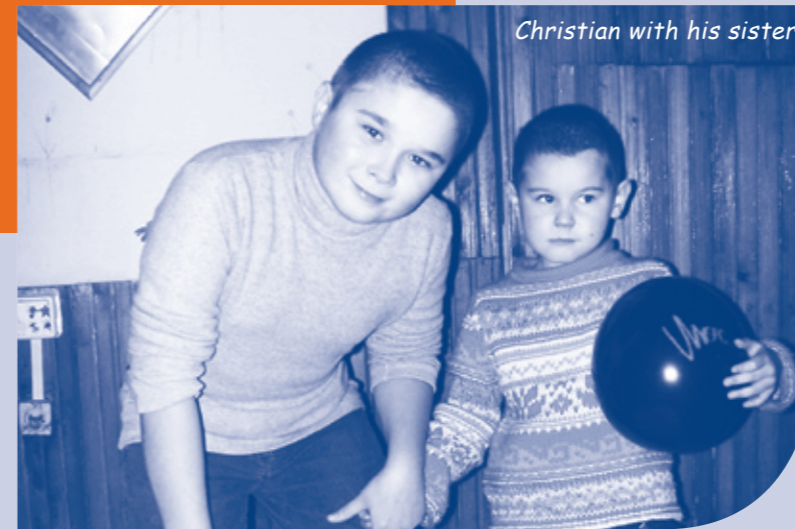
Nowadays we hear more and more of such instances. Violence, death, confusion and sorrow are on the increase. Hope seems to have gone, "men's hearts are failing them for fear", as the Bible tells us. Yet as this time when we remember the death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and celebrate His resurrection, we are reminded that He broke the power of sin and eternal death. Although sorrow and death may come our way on this earth, He reminds us that He was "a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief", yet He is our great

comforter and the healer of broken hearts. I would encourage you today to reach out to the Saviour of all Mankind, and if you have never done so, give yourself into His safe keeping, both for this life and the one to come.

The workers of EEO UK and EEO Intl. see a great deal of suffering on the mission field, but also experience how hope and new life come into countless lives, as our friends and partners -- people like YOU - give us the resources and tools to help those in need, also precious people for whom Christ died. In their name, thank you once again!

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for your sacrifice on Calvary. Cleanse us in your precious blood and touch our lives today with your resurrection power. Bring healing, comfort, and hope as we put our trust in you. Help us to reach out to others and bring your light also into their darkness. Amen

CHRISTIAN LOST HIS MOTHER AND HIS PLACE AT THE EAGLES' NEST... BUT NOT HIS GOD!



Christian with his sister

It was a year and a half ago that I received a tip from our local church about the situation of Christian, an eleven-year-old boy who lived with his three year old sister and alcoholic mother in a small house in the town of Beregowo in Ukraine. Nobody knew who their father was. The children were badly neglected. Shortly after we got in touch with Christian we were able to offer him a place at our centre The Eagles' Nest.

His sister Claudia was placed at a day care centre, where she stayed from Monday to Friday, and be at home with her mother at the weekends. Christian was flourishing in The Eagles' Nest. He gained weight because of the proper food there. His school marks were improving and he loved visiting the local Baptist church.

Then his mother became pregnant, but due to her very unhealthy lifestyle and excessive alcohol consumption she lost the child. Christian has made himself at home at The Eagles' Nest and enjoys the love, attention and care he receives from the team. He also receives good clothing, food, medical care and help with his homework.

Unexpectedly we received the message that Christian's Mum had died. This was a very hard message for Christian to take, despite the bad relationship he had with his mother.

I am thankful that we could be there for him and give him a shoulder to cry on. There were some family members at the funeral but nobody who put an arm round him. Claudia was sent to an orphanage by the Child Protection Agency. A few weeks later this agency took Christian from behind his school desk to be placed in the same orphanage as his little sister. Guardianship has to be arranged. This could have been done as well with Christian living at The Eagles' Nest instead of a state orphanage. We tried to explain this to the Agency but they were deaf to our arguments. He was allowed to pick up some of his clothes from The Eagles' Nest. He cried his heart out when he had to leave, and we cried with him. We gave him the advice not to take too many belongings with him to the orphanage, as they will probably be stolen from him.

The situation in the orphanage is desperate. The children are beaten and they have to spend their days watching TV. Their hair

is shaved off and love is nowhere to be found. Many people from The Eagles' Nest and the Baptist church have visited and encouraged Christian. During one of the visits he told us: "I find it so difficult here. I miss the freedom I had at The Eagles' Nest. I miss playing with my friends from the church and I miss the Sunday school. I can pray here on my own, but not with others. I also miss the afternoon programmes from The Eagles' Nest. Those I loved the most. Recently somebody from church visited me. We prayed together while the staff was watching us. They were very surprised to hear that we were also praying for them. I try to understand why I am here. At least here I can take care of my little sister, she really needs me. If I was allowed to leave but I had to leave her behind, I don't think that I would go. I simply can't leave her behind."

In the meantime we are trying in co-operation with an aunt, to arrange the guardianship of Christian and his sister. It is not possible for The Eagles' Nest to get the guardianship over them but their aunt would be able to, so there is hope to get them out of the orphanage. Only God knows how this will end, but we know, for sure, that Christian has got to know God's love at The Eagles Nest and that is something he will never forget, wherever he might go in the future.

We would love to reach more children with God's love, and to increase our work. After two years of hard work, we were finally able to open a house which can shelter even more children. On the 12th of January the house was officially opened. Even though it was -12C° there was somebody there to cut the ribbon. Several children have moved into the house already. Please pray for these children and that this house may be a blessing for them. We also ask for prayer for better co-operation with the local council, as it is not always easy to make good agreements with them. We hope to avoid situations like Christian's in the future.

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Mission Monitor

by Matthias J. Van der Weide



Bonuses and Bailouts

Though the British Pound may be challenged by its current low rate, God's Pounds are still the same and of incredible value. In Luke 19,13 (ASV) we read "And he called ten servants of his, and gave them ten pounds, and said unto them, Trade ye [herewith] till I come."

My wife, Gerrie, and I remember how as a young married couple, we borrowed 1200 Dutch Guilders to buy an old Renault 4 car, and drove on 6th April 1974, to Vienna. **We were responding to the call of Gerrie's brother, EEO's Dutch mission founder, Kees van Olst, to 'come over and help us'.** Gerrie was expecting our first baby and the mission budget was zero. **Not only was there a team of courageous, dedicated workers to find and build up in Vienna, but many were the trips our family made into eastern Europe in that little car, smuggling Bibles and taking comfort and help to our Brothers and Sisters in Christ, suffering under the communist regime.**

Now we look back on an enormous harvest of souls who became Christians and were helped by the efforts of EEO International, during these 35 years. God brought this about through many friends who often gave their last penny to join us in carrying out the Great Commission. Jesus paid the ransom for the sins of us all with His blood. This enormous bailout contains also the great bonus that is prepared for all true believers and servants of the Lord. The unrest in the USA, Holland and western world about bonuses for bank employees might be resolved if 90% of these were put in a giant charity fund to help the world's poor, and the other 10% to educate us in the meaning of Luke 19, so that the world will really prosper.

Barnabas 2009

Just a few more months to go before our next youth festivals in Albania and Romania will start. At these festivals we train, equip and encourage young people (16-35 years of age) from different countries in the world to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. After the festivals teams are going out to different areas to help local churches with their evangelism activities. Countries we will reach out to are, Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria, Albania, Macedonia, Kosovo and Greece.

These festivals are great opportunities for young people to make friends with people in different countries and cultures, to praise and worship the Lord, to grow and step out in faith. Also for church groups this is a great opportunity for outreach and mission. More information can be found on <http://www.barnabas.nu/english/page.php?id=1> or give us a ring at 01737 249 277 or email to gerrit@barnabas.nu

