



Outreach

- The power of prayer!**
- Murder, she wrote!**
- Energy crisis in Ukraine**
- Albania Needs Help!**



Crowd at 8.25 pm



Crowd at 8.35



Crowd at 8.45



A full village square at 9.00pm!

Mission in Macedonia (continued)

is a miracle in itself as this was one of the oldest Jesus films, and by current standards, not the most entertaining one). When it was finished, the team gave an altar call, where more

than 250 people gave their lives that day to the Lord. When pastor Sasha informed his mother about this, she said that many of the people who repented were among

the children who had thrown stones at her many years ago.

The following comes from Zoran's and his wife Rebecka's newsletter:

More testimony

These last few months have been packed with amazing things on the mission field in Macedonia. We had an evangelist from Sweden who helped us with the villages in the Strumica region and while we were showing the movie *Passion of the Christ* we had people reacting dramatically to the movie and the Gospel message. People in those villages have never heard about the Gospel and salvation. We have people with whom Vane, a local evangelist, does a follow-up and communicates with, once they get saved. The demand for us to come to other villages is great, so many times we need to slow down because the work is immense. People hear about us and ask us to do Bible teachings for them, even before we have shown the Jesus movie and done the outreach events. Some of them are ready to walk 10 km just to come to a church meeting. I have never had before such spiritual experiences as I have had in Banica. The spiritual realms are so tangible that manifestations are regular. Presence of Angels is around us every time we enter the village, otherwise we would be in serious danger. At one of the services, while we were praying, I was taken to the second heaven where principalities and powers operate, and I saw as we were praying how Jesus is shaking them. It was incredible. Other times we would have such a thick presence of the Holy Spirit that the time and physical senses lose their meaning, like we are in a different zone. There are saved people from the village who pray every day three times per day. They pray at the same time wherever they are.

One day Zoki from Banica was on his horse wagon and on the exit from Banica before a crossroad, the alarm goes off for prayer but he thinks: "Let me pass the crossroad and I will pray after". Suddenly a strong wind blows in front of him and doesn't let him continue. There was no wind anywhere else except in front of him, and he realizes he has to pray; he prays for Banica and the wind stops. The Holy Spirit has repeatedly spoken to us about the importance of spiritual warfare in this village. We have scheduled other villages for outreach events in those coming months. Pray with us for protection and finances towards this work of God. Together with Ljupco (a taxi driver) we are visiting many families in Skopje. Ljupco has a heart for people and he arranges times with them, and then we come and pray for them. We have seen God doing amazing things while we preach the Gospel and when we pray for them. People get saved and their faces get changed in front of our eyes. Ljupco is in my prayer group or better to say the new church plant in Gjorce Petrov where we have seen God moving in many families. Pray that I get direction and wisdom how to lead this work.

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.

Albania Needs Help!

This winter has been very difficult so far for many poor families in Albania. For more than three weeks the snow has cut off more than 40,000 people in the north of Albania, but also in the cities near the sea. Even in the capital of Tirana the situation is not much different. Central heating does not exist in Albania. There is no gas installation to provide gas to the houses. Many families are trying to warm their houses by using wood-stoves. Poor families often do not have the means to buy a woodstove, and if they have one they cannot afford the wood. Woodstoves costs about £200, and £100 would buy enough wood to heat up a house for a family for the rest of the winter.



Please note new Bank details! Many sponsors are still using the old Lloyds Account!

Editor:
 Eastern European Outreach (registered charity: 290643)
 Supervisor: Helen Jesze, Gerrit Wiersema
 Cheques and correspondence to:
 E.E.O. P.O. Box 399 Margate, CT9 2WE
 Phone: 0800 2980 126 or 07912 890 384
 Bank Details: CAF Bank
 Sortcode: 40-52-40, Account nr.: 00091930
 Account name: Eastern European Outreach, Margate
 E-mail: info@eeouk.org

Eastern European Outreach is a 'faith ministry'. All our activities are dependent solely on the financial gifts we receive. We work on an interdenominational basis, and our goal is the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in every way open to us. Our newsletter is published regularly, and sent free of charge on request or recommendation. However, a freewill gift of £7.00 per year would help to cover production and postage costs. E.E.O. UK works with Eastern European Outreach International, a group of missions and ministries. The main partner is Stg. OostEuropa Zending, The Netherlands, on behalf of Child Sponsor Programme, Christian Care East and West, Children's Relief, Medical Relief, Israel Support and Vision Latina.



"And all things, whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive!" Matt. 21, 22

Mission in Macedonia

Every year Eastern European Outreach Intl. organises its annual mission's conference in Germany. This year Zoran Spasovski gave some very special news. In previous issues of Outreach magazine we informed you about the work in Macedonia, and now we would like to encourage you with these testimonies. Zoran shared the following:

Banica

Zoran and his pastor Sasha were invited to Banica, which is one of the spiritually darkest villages in Macedonia. For over 300 years people never wanted to have anything to do with Christianity or religion. Priests, vicars, evangelists and even Imams had been forced out, every

time they tried to put a foot in the village. Pastor Sasha's mother experienced this in her younger years when she was working in a nearby village as a missionary. Every single day she had to suffer the persecution from the children and teenagers from that village as they would throw stones and spit at her. As a defence, she started writing notes with Bible texts, which she would throw back at them!

Mission

However, when Zoran and his pastor were just sharing with a few people in the local supermarket, instead of being violent, people were very open. Within a few minutes a small crowd had gathered in the shop. Pastor Sasha started to tell them

about the Lord, as he is not the tallest of persons, a beer crate was supplied for him to stand on. The people were amazed and invited them back to the village. A few days later a team went to Banica to show a Jesus film. The plan was to start the movie at about 8.30 pm, and have the film projected on a wall somewhere in the village centre. At 8.25 half a dozen people were there and the team got a bit discouraged. When they started the film about 50 people had gathered, not too much but still worth the effort, ten minutes later over 600 people had gathered. Truck drivers, driving through the village stopped on the side of the road and watched as well. Everybody watched with open mouth this 2 ½ hour film. (This

(Following on page 4)



THE POWER OF PRAYER!

My last Editorial was written from New Zealand, where my husband, George, and I were spending some weeks with our children and grandchildren. On the way back, we stopped for ten days in Seoul, Korea, visiting Dr. David Yonggi Cho and Mrs. Cho, and their church. George had interpreted for Pastor Cho in 1978 in Strasbourg, and spent some time with him. He also wrote the Foreword for our book "Winning over Worry". First we lodged at the Prayer Mountain. Hundreds thronged to the services in the chapels, sitting on their thin mats, then when the last service was over for the day, they curled up and slept on the floor. Others rented a Gethsemane Prayer Grotto, for individual prayer. When we woke in the night we could still hear loud, earnest prayer, a crying out to God, which very few of us here in the west, know about.

At 17 years of age, a Buddhist and dying with Tuberculosis, Pastor Cho became a born-again Christian through the testimony of a high-school girl. In an old army tent full

of holes, (with more frogs coming to the services than people), Yoido Full Gospel Church was born and now has 760,000 members - **the biggest church in the world!** Korea had been decimated by several wars and was in desperate poverty, when a voice of HOPE was heard, coming from a cold, hungry, destitute young man - but one who was passionate to make his JESUS known. Through unspeakable hardships, at one time so terrible that he almost committed suicide, he learnt that **God answers prayer.** When asked the secret of this phenomenal church growth, Pastor Cho says there are many reasons, but the two main ones are: **Persistent, faith-filled prevailing prayer and taking the Holy Spirit as my senior Partner.**

Several years ago, George had a dream where he saw us sitting in the big church in a certain place in the balcony. On the first Sunday there, the places they reserved for us, were exactly where he had seen in the dream. George had the privilege of preaching there on Friday

evening. This was beamed out by the Church's own satellite to reach millions in China, Japan, USA and other countries. In 2008 Pastor Cho celebrated 50 years of ministry and has now retired as Senior Pastor, although he is still very active. He has also started a Foundation called "Spreading Love and Happiness" which brings help to sick, elderly and handicapped people, and they are building a hospital in communist north Korea. We also spent some time with the new senior pastor, Rev. Young Hoon Lee.

All of us too, can experience the POWER of PRAYER. The promises in God's Word are available to each of us. I would encourage you today, to seek God in a new way in 2009. Throw off discouragement that things did not turn out as you had hoped, and take up the weapon of prayer again, for **He is faithful who has promised!**

"And all things, whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive!" Matt. 21, 22

Mission Monitor

by Matthias J. Van der Weide



MURDER, SHE WROTE!

Jessica Fletcher and Sherlock Holmes as TV detectives help us to find WHO IS THE MURDERER?! Real murderers are not afraid as long as the public are lulled to sleep by fantasies, instead of fighting the real evil. Coming back from our international conference in Germany last month, we heard the tragic news of a ruthless baby killing. Then I read about a Belgian feminist who said: INDEED, abortion is murder, but.... we serve the higher cause in the interest of the mother! This might be true if the

mother's life were in danger, but is this true when a young woman declares: I am going to have an abortion as my business career does not allow me to care for a child! Can we justify cold-blooded destruction, especially since it is proven that many of those mothers suffer extreme physical and emotional damage afterwards?

Many modern doctors break the Hippocratic Oath, which obliges them to save and preserve lives, by using their knowledge for doubtful medical practices. Obama, like many other Presidents, has decided to support the abortion business financially. But not only abortionists are murderers; we have all destroyed people in word and in deed. Romans 3: 11-17 makes this clear, calling us to repent and serve the God of LIFE Who gave His only Son Jesus to die for our sins and cleanse us with His precious blood. There is forgiveness for all, if we do this. Serving God means also to dedicate oneself to His Great Commission. Help EEO UK to fulfil it by all means. Amen!

ENERGY CRISIS IN UKRAINE

Children have to dress warmly in a cold classroom



In recent newspapers the energy crisis in Ukraine has received some attention. Russia has threatened to close the gas supply to Ukraine. The average Ukrainian has been suffering for many years from the energy crisis. It is not because of Russia that many Ukrainians are living in cold houses. Fuel is expensive and scarce. Many families living in poverty are struggling to keep their houses warm. Eastern European Outreach UK asks in this time of crisis, that we give extra attention to these families.

Let's visit the Ossitjanski family. It is freezing in their house. Next to the heater is a pile of wood. The family lives outside the city in the village of Csoma. Father Slavik is a day labourer. During the wintertime there are not many jobs available. The family with one daughter lives in a studio apartment. In the room is a wood stove which is used for both cooking and heating. Wood is either gathered or bought. It is an expensive fuel, but with temperatures of -20C there are not many other options. Wood is difficult to find. There is a long waiting list

at the supplier. You have to order in time otherwise you will have no heating. People are careful with using their wood; it is very difficult to regulate the heat. One moment it is very hot in the house, and the next moment it is freezing. A heavy cough breaks the silence in the room. The family is happy that they are not dependent on a gas heater. At the beginning of the year the prices increased. Gas would be unaffordable.

Now we are visiting the house of Corine van de Kooi, a Dutch missionary who started a family home for abandoned babies. For more than 10 years she has been working in this area. The gas bill has been paid in time, but still it is cold in the house. The pressure in the gas pipes is very low, even on full power it is almost impossible to heat the house properly. It is impossible to heat the house properly. Outside it is -20C, the gas pressure is low, too low to heat the house properly.

In many schools children sit in the classrooms with their jackets on. At the weekend the schools switch off their heating supply, so on Monday mornings it is freezing in the classrooms. It takes about a day to heat up the school again. This is not a nice start to the New Year at school. Also here the main problem is the low gas pressure. Even hospitals and care homes are suffering because of this problem.

Introducing Kelton Black



Dear Friends, I am pleased to introduce myself. I am Kelton Black, a newly appointed trustee for EEO UK. I accept this role with excitement and a real sense of purpose, believing God is further equipping His church for great things in 2009 and the future. I believe EEO UK is fulfilling an essential work serving the Church's mission in reaching out to the world. It is meeting real needs and sharing the Gospel in a truly effective way -- "With heart and with hands".

I am 52 years old, married to Sharon for just over 26 years. We have two daughters, Laura aged 21 and Stacey 18. For the past seventeen years, we have served the Lord in the south west of England in the county of Somerset. I am senior pastor at Gospel Tabernacle, Highbridge, which is a Full Gospel, evangelical, Pentecostal believing church. Since 2006 I have also worked with CPI (Church Planting Initiative) in a

renewed church plant in Yeovil. I oversee a great young couple, Matt and Claire Merriam who are serving as pastors there. We are seeing God move in a gracious way, touching lives in both these communities. I was privileged to have been brought up by godly parents, who served God faithfully as missionaries/pastors. They were the founders of Gospel Tabernacle back in the 1970's and invited me to take oversight of the work in 1991. Through their example and ministry I witnessed the faithfulness of God. I sincerely thank God for them. My dad went home to be with the Lord some thirteen years ago and my mum lives in Missouri, USA.

God has planted a vision for missions in my heart. Acts 1 v. 8 says "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth". My objective in all things is to be faithful in witnessing to 'my Jerusalem', 'my Judea and Samaria', and to the ends of the earth. Our Church has a big heart for missions and we have been linking up with, and supporting numerous missions worldwide. We believe as we pray

for our Brothers and Sisters around the world we have a direct impact on what God is doing with them, for and through them. James reminds us: "The fervent prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." I value your prayers as I discover how best to serve EEO UK using my experience and the gifts God has given me. I encourage you finally in all you do. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Cor. 15:58



Kelton and Sharon Black, Gerrit and Laura Wiersema, singer George Hamilton IV