



Outreach

DIESEL FOR OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

For many years we have been involved in helping the state old people's home in Shkoder. This home is one of five care homes in the whole country and only old people's home north of Tirana, serving the whole northern part of the country. The situation was abysmal, since a major renovation in the 90ies the situation has much improved but, especially since a large diesel generator powers the two buildings, but there are still very severe needs. The home receives a (way too) small budget to operate, the budget for fuel is especially used to buy fuel for the cars rather than for the generator leaving the old and the disabled in the cold. On annual basis a sum of about £10,000 is needed to provide sufficient heat and power for the 2 buildings.

Returning home

- by Olga van Lavieren

I have been involved with Eastern European Outreach Intl. since 1987. For the last 15 years I have been working with former street children and their children. This summer the season of working in the field will come to an end and I am planning to return to my native Holland, to work at the main office of EEO near Rotterdam. I will be co-ordinating the ministry in Oradea from there. I am very glad to hand over the work to my team in Oradea. I hope and pray you will continue to support the Casa Lumina project.

Mission Trips 2011

Dates	Destination	Goal	Area	Price	Notes
19 - 26 February	Romania	Encouraging and visiting EEO projects	Bucharest, Brasov, Iasi	£675	International team
5 - 12 March	Albania	Encouraging and visiting EEO projects	Tirana, Tepelena, Shkoder	£775	Excluding Visa International team
14 - 24 March	Moldova	Encouraging and visiting CSP families	Chisinau, Raradia, Balti	£850	International team
12 - 27 March	Ukraine	Working in hospitals	Beregowo & Vinograd	£800	International team
16 - 25 May	Ukraine	CSP visits	Beregowo area	£690	International team
10 - 31 July	Ukraine	Working in hospitals	Beregowo area	£900	International team
16 July - 2 August	Ukraine	Street children project	Beregowo area	£850	International team
15 - 30 July	Barnabas I	Evangelism, Children's work, Renovation Projects	Conference: Albania Outreaches: Albania, Macedonia and Kosovo	£800	International teams, excluding visa
1 - 15 August	Barnabas II	Evangelism, Children's work, Renovation Projects	Conference: Romania Outreaches: Romania, Bulgaria and Moldova	£750	International teams, excluding visa
11 - 25 October	Barnabas Asia	Evangelism and children's work		£1300	International team Visa required
2 - 16 October	Ukraine	Working in hospitals	Beregowo area	£825	International team
15 - 22 October or 22 - 29 October	Albania	Encouraging and visiting EEO projects	Tirana, Korca, Shkoder	£775	Excluding Visa International team
October/November	Bulgaria/Turkey	Encouraging, Evangelism and visiting EEO projects	Plovdiv, Burgas, Istanbul	£825	International team
1 - 11 October	Moldova	Encouraging and visiting CSP families	Chisinau, Raradia, Balti	£850	International team
14 - 22 October	Romania	Encouraging and visiting EEO projects	West Romania and Serbia	£690	International team

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"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." (Acts 1v8 NIV)

The Year of the Lord or Anno Domini (AD) a term that is currently being replaced with Common Era (CE). Fortunately God is not bound by our political correctness, it is the year of the Lord 2011! Knowing that the Lord holds the years in his hands makes the year ahead of us so much more exciting.

This year we want to focus even more on missions. On page 4 you will find our mission trip guide for 2011, if you have ever thought about joining a mission trip maybe this is the time to start thinking and to pray about it and maybe take the step of faith to go out to the nations to help, encourage and to be God's witness to the ends of the earth.

For 2011 we would really ask you to remember us in your prayers. If we have to do our ministry in our own strength we better quit as we won't be able to do this. We really need your prayer support.



YE DID IT UNTO ME

It has sometimes been said that there are two Gospels - the Gospel of Salvation and the Gospel of Works. Our view at EEO UK is that both are equally important. It is possible to be so focused on calling upon people to repent and be saved that practical concern for human needs can be neglected. Likewise it is possible to be so busy with Good Works that the call to salvation can be overlooked. The command in the Great Commission is to make disciples - not just converts. And the example that Jesus set, and that He taught his disciples (and us) to follow, is that spreading the Good News included practical outcomes - the sick being healed, the hungry fed, the naked clothed, and so forth.

William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army had a good principle - Soup; Soap; Salvation. He and his Salvationists went and worked among the outcasts and rejected. Soup represented the bodily needs; food, clothes, etc. Soap gave dignity to the whole person, showing that, wherever they may be, they are valuable in God's eyes and valued by God's people. Salvation showed that the Good News is for all people whatever their background or circumstances.

I recently completed a year-long training course on Mission and heard a testimony that touched me deeply. Some Christian women would walk to Church every Sunday morning along a road that, at night, was occupied by prostitutes waiting to be picked up by kerb-crawlers. The women prayed about this and what the Lord told those good women to do was extraordinary - they took flasks of hot coffee to the girls! On a cold night, dressed in the skimpy clothes that these street-girls wore as they plied their trade, a cup of hot coffee was very welcome. And coming as it did, offered freely as a gift from the Church, it gave the Christian women an input into the prostitutes' lives. The girls soon related to them and trusted them because they did not condemn, but rather blessed them. From this simple act of mission sprang a whole, fruitful ministry.

A new kind of mission recently started - Street Pastors. The most dangerous time in any urban centre is late at night when the pubs and clubs close. Here the effects of alcohol and even drugs among mostly young people bring about many explosive situations, and quite a few collapse helplessly in the street. Street Pastors are there in the midst of this and, supported by Intercessors instantly contactable by mobile phone, they show God's love and concern by helping where most needed. They have earned the trust and respect of the Police and their work has borne fruit.

As well as proclaiming the salvation message we at EEO UK are able to say, with confidence, that we play our part in feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, tending to the prisoners, and so on. In giving money to our mission, and in praying for us, you partner us equally in God's work and Christ's words (Matthew 25:40) "Ye did it unto me" apply equally to you.

Mission Monitor by Matthias J. Van der Weide

Communislamic Fall



After the Iron curtain fall in 1989 it was just a matter of time to see Islamic dictatorship come to fall. Recently the question came up if Islam is a religion or just an ideology. An ideology implicates that a certain human idea, not necessarily absolutely true, is behind it. Marx, Lenin and Engels developed a communist doctrine, followed by many others. Inspired or defined by a certain belief or unbelief. Jesus warned us that some people once believe to serve God by killing others. This is what communism as well as Islam marks as a bizarre ideology. Although Mohammed states he received his ideas through an angel, Jesus teaches us to recognize one by their fruits. But also in our business schools and regular life is generally understood: it is the result what counts. Islam and communism will try to destroy and kill all those who are standing in their way... if they had the power - and as we know from history this power can be indeed intimidating and even devastating - but it always ends as a balloon without air. Death fails, but live prevails. Jesus said: I bring you life and abundantly. The nations will be blessed to see Jesus appear, first through our testimony and than from face to face. What may He expect from us to achieve that?

AMI ORTIZ UPDATE



At the time of the Purim celebrations in 2008, a bomb planted inside a Purim parcel seriously wounded Ami Ortiz. Over the years the Lord has done many miracles in his life bringing healing in his personal life, and using his testimony to bring healing to many people. Following is an update on his situation.

Ami is feeling well and getting taller if that is possible! He does still have some residual pain in his left hand, ringing in his ears and an unpleasant popping in his right ear when he hears a loud noise, but he never complains. Ami lives with at least 100 shards of metal and glass still lodged in his body and eyes, scars from his neck down to his feet, and the loss of parts of 3 toes. We still pray for complete restoration physically, but we can honestly say that in his mind, heart and spirit he is totally healed, and it is a wonder. To know him is to feel the miracle shining through his life, and it is hard to explain in words. Every-



one who comes in contact with him can sense that there is something different emanating from his life, and the deep inner sweetness that has come from going through the fire and coming out on the other side inspires everyone in our family and everyone with whom he has contact. He is our hero! Please continue to pray for God's will for Ami as school ends. We have a direction that we are taking, but there are many obstacles that need to be overcome if this is what he should do.

Shortly after the attack Jack Teitel was arrested and admitted to have planted the bomb, he also admitted to have killed several others. The trials are taking much time, please pray that progress may be made and that justice and truth will prevail. Pray for all concerned in this trial process, for the lawyer, the Prosecutor and also for the defence and Jack Teitel. Pray for redemption to come forth in Israel as a result of this trial.

Our brothers and sisters in Israel, and in the Muslim world are severely persecuted, a very powerful documentary has been made by a Korean film crew which is called FORGIVENESS. The film has received very good critics and even won a prize at the Monaco film festival. A preview can be viewed via the link:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6cISi_3hdTI

CSP testimony

You may have asked yourself if it really makes a difference to sponsor a child through a child sponsorship programme.

Marcel Macelaru, was one of the first children to be sponsored when EEO first started with its Child Sponsor Programme in the early eighties. He remembered that one day some people visited his family speaking a strange language. Marcel went to school, and by God's grace received a scholarship to study in Oxford, and today he is the Dean of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Osijek (Croatia).

Of course not every sponsorship is a 'success story' but over the years several thousand lives have had (and are still having) a positive change through the Child Sponsor Programme. Worldwide millions of lives are being changed every single day by Child sponsorships.



Albania update

In 2010 we experienced a significant growth in our ministry. The amount of children supported through the Child Sponsor Programme grew to 174. Also 42 mission friends (6 teams) visited, this is the highest number since 1990 and has been a great encouragement for us.

For 2011 we pray for support in the following areas; help with funds for fuel for the old people's home in Shkoder (see next article), a great need especially since recent floods in the area (again!). There is also a severe need in the orphanage in Tirana and they have asked us for help. Many families are on the waiting list for support. These people live in inhumane conditions and desperately need help.

