



Editorial by Helen Jesze

LIGHTING LAMPS IN 2021!

The story is told of the well-loved British preacher, Charles Haddon Spurgeon. Towards the end of his life he was walking one evening with a friend, up Norwood Hill, in London. Some distance in front, moving up the hill, they could see a lamplighter setting up his ladder against each lamppost, then lighting the gas lamp. The lamps shone forth in the gathering dusk, one after the other, until they disappeared over the brow of the hill. Turning to his friend, Spurgeon remarked, **“I want my life to be just like that. I should like to think that when I've gone over the hill I shall leave lights shining behind me.”**

EEO UK and the missions they work with want to 'light lamps' in darkened lives and dark places of the earth, especially in eastern Europe. Alone, we cannot do this; It is people like our readers and sponsors – **people like you** – who enable us to do this! Because of COVID-19 and all restrictions, normal mission work could not be carried on in 2020, conferences were cancelled and group trips never took place, and many people suffered because of this. We pray that this year will be better, and some activities can start again.

In 2020 many people have gone 'over the hill' and are no longer with us, some of them very well-known personalities or preachers, some not well-known but dear to family and friends. We look at the “lamps” they have lit during their lifetime, and some are still lighting lamps by leaving money in their Will to carry on God's work after they have gone. Perhaps God is speaking to *you* to leave something in *your* Will. My husband used to say: **“Do your giving while you're living, Then you're knowing where it's going!”** How true that is! God sees our heart and what we can give, whether it is the 'widow's mite' or larger amounts. Each gift, your prayer support is precious.

SO PLEASE HELP US LIGHT SOME LAMPS IN 2021, AND GOD BLESS YOU RICHLI FOR YOUR LOVE!

Pakistan 2021

Since pastor Elisha went to glory in 2019 his nephew Nadeem has picked up the baton. With the help of Shahzad and Iqbal, two young men, he has continued the work at the mission school. Another school nearby was struggling to continue and has joined forces with the mission school. Besides the schools the team has also handed out food parcels to very needy families and is currently raising funds for a next round of handing out food parcels. Due to the pandemic this has become a very great need.

Persecution is a big problem in Pakistan. Christians are seen and treated as second class citizens. This especially shows in the type of work they do -- as servants, cleaners and probably, worst of all, is making bricks in the brick kilns.

Working in kilns is dangerous work. Christians always have to work so carefully, it is like walking on eggshells. They are paid little and if there is an argument or a fight, especially with Muslims, there is always the danger of an accusation of blasphemy. Sometimes scores get settled even before a court case or before the police can get involved. It happens that people just 'disappear' in the kilns.

In one of the kilns we have been able to start a school, where every day 35-40 children receive basic education. With these basic skills we hope and pray that they may find better / safer work than their parents. At the moment we mainly pay the salaries of the teachers; in future we would like to also provide better school materials, uniforms and meals. **Can we count on your help?**



Prayer for Roshni

Roshni is the daughter of our contact person, Shahzad. In Lahore. She was born with a small hole in her heart. This condition causes her to get tired very quickly. She is a bright girl but due to her condition she is currently in the 2nd class where she should have been in the 4th. She generally goes to school for a couple of days, but is then so worn out that she has to rest for two more. Would you please keep this brave 11 year old in your prayers.

News from Israel – by David and Leah Ortiz

“Thank God, all is well with our family and the Ariel Congregation, despite the very hard times the whole world is going through, God has been merciful. No one in our family or congregation has caught the virus up to this point, and we are grateful for that.”

“Because of these crises, we thought things would slow down in the ministry, but they have actually accelerated: we have been extremely busy and multi-tasking. As you know, we were able to open our non profit organisation called 'Light to Samaria--Help for the Needy'. It has been a long and detailed process, but it is now functioning and is actually a blessing. Our lives are also filled with the daily cares of the Church (2 Corinthians 11:28)”

“We had stopped distributing to the Holocaust survivors for one month, but as soon as things began opening up again, we immediately resumed. Our distribution in the beginning of November included not only food items, like soup powder, tuna, canned vegetables and tomato puree, coffee, tea, biscuits, jam, and pasta, but also warm hoodies for the winter.”

“In December we gave out food items and warm blankets. For Hanukkah we printed an appropriate Bible verse on the blankets. This has been highly appreciated by the families of the survivors, as many have lost their jobs, and salaries have been reduced, and they are no longer able to help their elderly parents as they did before. It has been a testimony to them. We also were able to add to our list of those receiving help, 19 Survivors from the Siege of Leningrad.”

“Food distribution to the Arab Believers has also resumed, with food being given to 3 groups of ex-Muslim Believers. This has been a testimony to their non-believing families as well. We had to go back to our Shabbat services on line during the 7 week second lockdown, but we have begun meeting in our congregation again since late December. David has been teaching a series on the Holy Spirit.”

“The Bible study in the Russian language resumed, as has the foundational Bible study on prophecy for new Believers. Our prayer meeting was taking place on line, but we are now meeting in person.”

“Our son, Tzook, who leads the praise and worship team in our congregation, wrote a song in Hebrew, and as a special treat to the team, arranged to record the song in the studio of a Messianic publishing company in the city of Rehovot. They hope to share the song with the rest of the Church here. Our son Natan was involved in the instrumental part and our daughter in law, Yulia who is a new Believer, was one of the singers, together with the other singers in the team.”

“We, like yourselves, are hopefully waiting and praying for the return of the Lord, like John prayed in the book of Revelation: 'Even so come Lord Yeshua.' In the meantime our desire is to share the Gospel with as many people of this land as possible.”



Handing out food parcels to holocaust survivors

Sponsor Child becomes Contact Person

Artemisa grew up in a Muslim family in the north of Albania. When she was 2 years old her father died and her mother Aida had to raise her and her two older siblings on her own without any help or income. Our contact person heard about their situation and Artemisa was enrolled into the CSP Programme. Over the years the contact person and also his pastor shared the love of Christ with this family and mother Aida started to visit the local church and was baptized. Her life totally changed and she started reaching out to other widows in the area. She started her own business as a seamstress and became self-supporting. A few years later Aida became a CSP contact herself.



The children have now grown up and have made their own choice to follow the Lord and have been baptized. They also became involved in ministry themselves. Artemisa (a very talented singer) lead the worship at Barnabas events.

A couple of years ago she met her husband Max from Sweden while he was on a mission trip to Albania. They got married and decided to serve the Lord together. She took over the ministry of her mother and is now CSP contact person.

There are still many children -like Artemisa in the past- on the waiting list, waiting to be sponsored



Fire wood and heating bills

Over the past couple of months we have helped many families with firewood. Due to the harsh winter our budget has been insufficient. Can we count on your help? So we can continue to help these families through the winter.



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