



Serbia

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Updating news



Heartfelt greetings, Dear Friends, from Serbia

At the beginning of this year, we have several news items that we want to share with you. Beginning in March, we will lose two workers. Miruska Cmelik, who for many years was our Child Evangelism Fellowship Serbia missionary in Montenegro, will in April become the first worker for CEF Montenegro. Another CEF Serbia colleague, Katarina Cmelik, was married in Montenegro and will

continue with ministry as a worker for CEF Montenegro under the leadership of Brother Doug and Jan Hamm. In a time when we need more workers in Serbia, it is difficult for us to continue without these two good workers, but the Lord is already providing new ones. We are grateful to these sisters for the ministry they faithfully gave and we continue to pray that the Lord uses them as well for reaching many children in Montenegro.

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

We present to you

the Halas family – Renata, Samuel and son Matija

Renata shares a little something about the family

Matija is a happy and active child, full of "stories." He is peaceful and we can easily bring him along as we do our ministry. We are grateful to God for him.

Renata is currently on maternity leave. **Samuel** is unemployed. He works part time as the editor of a monthly magazine of the Reformed Church. Beside that, we serve together among children and young people in various ministries: Sunday school, Bible classes for youth, organizing camps, correspondence course, etc. Samuel is a big help to me in the ministry. It is good to work together for God! Together we will visit cities and

villages in Vojvodina and spread the good news that God sent a Savior!

Plans for the future

Last year we bought a family home with a large garden in Feketic. We still have not moved because there are many things to renovate. Work is going along nicely, but we need to raise more finances. In one part of the house we want to have a "Decije Misije" office. We want to have a small center for ministry among Hungarian children in Serbia. In that place we can also gather with coworkers, teach, plan and pray together to God. Samuel plans to attend the "Decije Misija" Institute this summer, so he will get good quality training for ministry to children. (I finished the

Institute in 2004). We feel that God has called us to ministry among children and youth in Vojvodina. We have good contact with fellowships, pastors and coworkers. We also want to be workers who sow God's Word and build God's Kingdom! So pray for us!

If you wish to personally contact the Halas family to encourage them, support them, you can do that by e-mail: szolgareni@gmail.com.



ACTIONS of CEF Serbia



Every year in Serbia we have the privilege to celebrate Christmas two times. This also gives us the opportunity to present the message of joyful news to a greater number of children. This winter Team CEF Serbia and coworkers distributed 1,200 Samaritan's Purse packets to children along with an appropriate Christmas program. We pray that the spoken message touched the children's hearts and that Christ is born in the hearts of these children.



Formation of the national board of CEF Serbia

At the end of January, the first meeting was held for the national board, which will help me in leading this Christian organization. The burden of leadership and decisions will be their responsibility and in advance I rejoice in how they will support me even better than now, and we can more effectively together reach out to the children of Serbia for the Lord setting and realizing goals. I thank God for each member of the board and for their commitment up till now. We pray that future activities of the board fulfill both their purpose and intention.



CEF® Balkan Training Institute in Serbia

We are grateful to God for the privilege and responsibility which we have as hosts to make the arrangements for the Institute in Serbia in the summers of 2010 and 2011. Pray with us for all that is necessary concerning these many preparations.

Good News Clubs Nis

Thanks to our new worker Darko Srnka a **new Good News Club started in Nis** in the CEF office. We wanted to give an opportunity to children who come Saturdays to the handicrafts club to receive a message from the Bible on Sunday. We also wanted children from the church to have an opportunity to invite their friends. Pray for a growth in the number of children and for understanding of their parents for the spiritual needs of the children and for the arrangements for this club as well as for Darko Srnka as he prepares to lead this club.



We are praying for the **start of a new club in a small village near St. Pazova, Dobanovce**. There is no one to teach the children about God. Katarina Hric is ready to start a new club in this village.

The Lord is opening the door for Katarina Hric to **start 2 new clubs** with handicapped children and children who live in single-parent families. This is a great possibility for these children in need as well as for their parents to hear about the God who cares for them and loves them. We pray for Katarina Hric as she makes the arrangements for these Bible clubs to begin for children who are in great physical and spiritual need.



Regular clubs among the displaced from Kosovo

After six years of work among the refugees, it appears that a small group of children want to gather regularly and meet for teaching of God's Word. Our hearts are happy and thankful to God because of their desire for spiritual growth and knowledge of Him. On Saturday when we visited one of these camps, one girl prayed, *"God, thank you because Darko came, because now we can pray to you!"*

I am happy that by our coming, this child, two times a month, has the opportunity to hear about God and to get the chance for someone to lead them to God. But our prayer is that we secure for them daily support of bringing them to God. How?



While this girl was praying her prayer, my face was covered with tears. I remembered the verses from Romans 10:13-15: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" I was grateful to God that the sown Word did not return empty, but hope was born when the little girl prayed to God to clean her heart and help her to live a right life before Him. But my heart is in my throat because the harvest field of our country Serbia

is so large. The children live in their sins, without hope, without peace, and without the personal knowledge of their Savior, the one which can bring change in their lives. But how can they call on the one who they do not know? How can they trust in the one in whom they have not heard? How can they hear without a preacher?

This vision of expanding the work and evangelism to the unevangelized areas is our priority in the new year we are entering.

We want to pray to the Lord of the harvest and to work on that until we are sure that the Word of God is being preached in the entire territory of Serbia. How can children and their parents be able to answer the invitation of Christ if they do not hear it? In order to achieve this, we need new workers. The Lord is already opening the doors. This year CEF Serbia is the host of the Balkan Training Institute for training workers in how to work with children. It is a three-month training program. We pray that after this training the need for workers in the harvest fields would be realized in seeing some of the students called to begin full-time service with CEF, ready to move into new areas and regions, and preach the joyful news of the Gospel to children and families.

Through the Balkan Training Institute, the vision of expanding work and evangelism to the unevangelized areas in Serbia can be fulfilled.

We need your prayers while we prepare for the training for workers, while we invite students to sign up for

the Institute, while we seek financial support for their schooling, and for their future setup in service in local offices in places where there is no evangelical church. We pray that in the next two years to have several families in the towns in south and central Serbia: Bujanovac, Vranje, Cacak, Kragujevac, Niš and Beograd. The harvest has begun, and we pray to the Lord of the harvest to send workers because the fields are ready for the harvest. We invite you to pray together with us.

We are grateful to you for your faithfulness and that you are part of Team CEF Serbia as partners to ensure that this vision and pioneering work is fulfilled which has begun in south Serbia which we want to expand across the entire territory of our country. Pray for these things together with us, giving thanks to God for hearts which have already confessed His name and are saved as well as for those who will do so this year!

May our Lord abundantly bless you for all that you do for us, Sincerely your friends in Christ,

Darko and Lidija Adamek, CEF Serbia



If you desire to support the vision of expanding Team CEF Serbia so that the unreached areas can be reached for Christ, you can do so by sending regular contributions to the fund:

Serbia-national workers 2RS 9999 000

If you desire to support some CEF workers personal, here are the accounts:

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