

BOSNIA AND CENTRAL EUROPE, April 2005

Two brethren recently made an extended pastoral tour of Central Europe, driving over 5000 km. in order to visit various contacts and brethren and sisters in the area. The brethren in Sarajevo, Bosnia were visited and we gave some aid there, as well as help towards buying Bosnian language Bibles. We really appreciate those who enabled this. We were relieved to find that some of the young brethren there have now found work as waiters, although the poverty of Bro Mustafa is really serious. He's a miner and they're not being paid their wages, he works in atrocious conditions, and has had yet another accident. Our zealous brother Dzenan has obtained a garage in which to store the clothes being donated, and from which he can distribute to those in need. We discussed with the brethren there the possibility of holding a Bible study weekend in Sarajevo Library in the Summer, aimed at sharing a real message of Hope with the people of this beautiful, sad and war ravaged land.



Photos:

Brother Ivica at his new job as a waiter in a Sarajevo restaurant



Unloading the clothes into the garage for future distribution

We're really grateful to those who've donated clothing. Bro. Matt had been storing large cartons of them in Austria, and we were glad to relieve him of them. A big thank you to those in Germany and Luxemburg who donated them. We'll be distributing them throughout Eastern Europe.



Photos:

Loading the clothes into the van

On the drive down we visited Br Albinas in southern Lithuania, veteran of a previous trip to Bosnia. On returning he spoke to the kids at his school about our work, and raised 2 big bags of clothing. We were encouraged to see that he has his big English Bible on his desk at the school where he teaches English.



Photo:

Bro Albinas in his classroom, Bible on table, with the clothes he had gathered for us to take down to Bosnia

We spent a lovely time with the brethren in Serbia and were much encouraged by their zeal to preach true doctrine. They are all set to produce the booklet *What Is The Gospel?* With a nice colour cover, in Serbian language.

We also met some very interested contacts in Hungary and had some deep doctrinal discussions with them about the trinity which we hope will bear fruit. We also met up with Brother E in Czech, who has been seeking asylum there. He hasn't got it, and will have to return home. Our prayers are with him. He boldly speaks of the Gospel to all the Russian speaking community there he is in contact with, and it was a pleasure to baptize LUDMILA in a bath tub in suburban Prague.



Photo:
After Ludmila's baptism

Wherever we went there was much talk about the Pope. Catholic influence is one of the large factors in Central Europe that discourages people from accepting the true Gospel. We even found one street renamed 'Jezuitska', Jesuit street. However, there is ample evidence that there are many, especially amongst the Russian speaking immigrant communities, who are searching for the real Christ, and it is a pleasure and honour to work with these people.



Photo:
Jezuitska, Jesuit street

Please remember our brothers and sisters and contacts in Central Europe in your prayers.

Your brothers and sisters of CCM