

Greetings from Bosnia

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“Many greetings from The Mostar Brankovac Evangelical Church.” Pastor Dalibor’s newsletter in March gained our attention as he gave updates for the Centre for Care that is currently under development. He went on to tell of the big step of getting connected to a water source which enables them to have water for a garden and fruit tree project as well as a future house. The house will assist people who are struggling and unable to support themselves to have a place to live while being cared for at the Centre. They have received the required building permit with the stipulation they begin building by October.



Working on the garden for Centre of Care, Mostar, Bosnia

Pastor Dalibor explained that prior to applying for the permits, they had already raised the funds for the administrative costs, the water connection expense, and to build the basement of the house. To protect the basement they need to complete the first floor and add the roof. The statement that stood out to us was **“we wanted to make sure we as a church gave at least half of the 12,000 euros (about \$13,300 USD) needed for this project.”** So far they have raised 3,500 euros towards the 6,000 pledged by the church. He continued, “now it seems a good time to ask if any of you are able to help us with the other 6,000 euros.” Shortly after reading about this need we learned Global Outreach partner Mike Mellison was planning another visit to the churches and ministries in Bosnia. We visited Mostar in 2013 with Mike and he contin-

ues to keep us informed about the friends and ministries we visited. We were privileged to send a gift of \$500 with Mike for the construction of the house at the Centre for Care. Mike told us Pastor Dalibor sent his greetings and deep appreciation for the assistance.



Outreach to children in the neighborhood has already started. After fun and games the children were given lunch.

Every time we have an opportunity to connect with the leaders of the churches in Bosnia we ask them what they need and how we can pray for them. They always ask for our prayers more than our finances. Mike has made numerous visits and has close personal and professional ties with many of the pastors in Bosnia. He asked us to share the following prayer needs:

- For God to soften hearts and break down the barriers to the gospel message and love of Jesus.
- For guidance and wisdom for the Pastors, missionaries and the people in the churches as they reach out in love to those around them.
- For relationships within the church to be strengthened by unconditional love and encouragement rather than criticism.

We love our brothers and sisters who endure many hardships to minister in a country with a long history of war and ongoing struggles. We invite you to join us in prayer and support of those laboring for our Lord in Bosnia.

Thank You, Ashleigh!

It has been a little over five years since we started the sponsorship program for the nearly sixty orphans at Congo for Christ (CCC) in Uvira, Democratic Republic of Congo. At that time we had sponsors for five of the orphans at CCC. Later that year when the National Community Church in Washington DC returned from their second mission trip to CCC, I heard from Ashleigh Nye, a member of that team. She caught the vision of obtaining sponsors for all of the orphans at CCC and volunteered to become the first Sponsorship Coordinator for Global Outreach. **We are so glad we accepted her offer!** Ashleigh stepped in and started recruiting other team members, friends, churches and anyone who would listen to her appeal to sponsor one, two or more of the precious children who had so quickly won her heart.



Ashleigh and some of the orphans at CCC

Under Ashleigh's loving and compassionate direction, the sponsorship program has grown in so many ways. We added education sponsorships for orphans in Fizi, DRC, and sponsorships for girls at the Sameong Girls Home in Thailand. Several times during her years of work, we have received the joyful news that all of the children at CCC have sponsors. Currently there are only four orphans at

CCC who need sponsors. Ashleigh has also improved the sponsorship program in so many ways. She even recruited one of the sponsors (now her husband) to serve as our website design master. Thank you Jason!



CCC orphans love to receive letters and pictures from their sponsors

Current sponsors know that Ashleigh faithfully provides them periodic updates about the children. She also facilitates the letter writing and picture exchange between sponsors and the children. Ashleigh has done an extraordinary job and the sponsorship program has drastically improved since she took it over when it was in its infancy. Ashleigh will be stepping down as the Sponsorship Coordinator in July but has graciously agreed to share her knowledge and expertise with the next Sponsorship Coordinator. **We are praying that God will put this volunteer opportunity into someone's heart and there will not be a gap in this important program. If you are interested in learning more about this position, please contact us immediately.** We can't guarantee it will lead to a wedding, but we do know you and so many others will be blessed by your work. **Thank you Ashleigh, for your volunteer spirit and labor of love on behalf of all the children!**



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