

# NEWS from HUB Belgrade Bible School

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Dear friends, our prayer supporters, brothers and sisters,

It is a great privilege and honor for us to address you and inform you about the things happening with us. God has given us special and blessed time in the past few months. Apart from the challenges that we faced at the beginning of the year, God has blessed us abundantly.

The students of the 15<sup>th</sup> generation are at the very end of the semester and as we look back we can see that God has worked amazingly in them while they have been studying. Even though this group of students was the smallest so far, it only gave us even more enthusiasm to share in fellowship and receive God's blessings.

## VISITS

Together we went through amazing experiences at the last Mission trip in Bosnia, where we visited churches in Sarajevo and surrounding towns, as well as Tuzla. We were visiting and serving each Sunday in different churches in Belgrade, Pančevo, Novi Sad, Kikinda, Bački Petrovac etc.

We praise God for those opportunities to visit churches in which we served by leading worship, sharing testimonies, acting out short skits and preaching from the Word of God.

**Eldina Husarkić, a student from Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina:** *“Different cultures, different people and different churches have been such an encouragement for me. It has meant a lot for me to get to know all the new people, as well as to be able to worship God in different ways, but with a humble and honest heart. It is amazing that I saw how the other churches function and that there are many other people who know God.”*



## “SPARK OF HOPE”

At the very end of April we took part in a Family retreat “Spark of Hope”, which had been expected and prepared for long time in advance. The retreat was intended for families with disabled children. What an amazing experiences we went through there, as we served to those that Jesus served the most during his ministry on Earth. We really understood there what Jesus' words from Matthew 25:35-40 meant, “I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...”

Together with Greg and Jelena from Sombor and with *Joni and Friends* from USA we invited around 20 families to spend 5 days with us in a little town Kovačica, near Opovo. Over 40 volunteers took care of the children, whereas the parents had an opportunity to hear the Gospel shared by our excellent teachers Chip Bell and David Anderson. We experienced God in a truly special way, and this is something we will never forget.

At the same time, we had our first Pastor's conference in Serbia, dedicated to this topic – working with disabled people.



**Nikola Ginevski, a student from Skoplje, Macedonia:** *“At this camp I was able to see God's hands reaching out to help those who need it.”*



group picture at the “Spark of Hope” camp

## HUMANITARIAN WORK

We also had a few humanitarian actions in the past period in our surrounding. One of them was giving out about 4000 pounds of second-hand clothes for the poor in the municipality of Opovo. This action was very successful and many people were thankful for what they received.

Just today a man came to me and asked if I was working at HUB. After I confirmed, he said that he read about the action in Opovo in

the newspaper and all that he could say was: "You are doing a really amazing job."

This short conversation with a stranger on the street was a real encouragement to continue to serve our local community in this way.



## SEMINARS

There have been many different seminars given at HUB. Only two weeks we had a seminar on Bible preaching lead by our brothers from London, Ireland and Northern Ireland. These seminars, which we organize together with Chris and Lotta Strajnic from *Timotej project*, are just the right thing for encouraging young generations to preach the Word, in good and in bad times. The love of our brother pastors for the Scriptures was obvious and their lectures were very relevant.

We believe that such seminars will be encouraging and supportive for many other churches and pastors to pass on the message of the Word of God to the others.

**Vladimir Hornaček, a student from Padina, Serbia**

*"I learned what preaching is all about and how to prepare a sermon. Every text in the Scriptures contains an important truth and cannot be interpreted which ever way people like it. I saw humility in our teachers, willingness to answer every single question and I saw that they live a life according to God's word."*

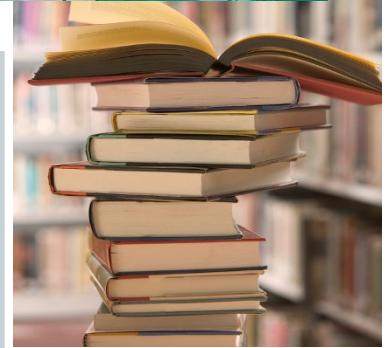


*Seminar on preaching*



## OUR PROFESSORS

We are really thankful for our great teachers who have served us throughout all these months. Many of them sacrificed a lot to be here and teach us and our students. We thank God that we have such great teachers. Some of them are professors, some are pastors, some are missionaries and some doctors of theology, but one thing they all have in common is that they love God and they want to share their knowledge with the students generously. They have been a great example of wholehearted servants.



## NEW SCHOOL YEAR COMING UP \*

We are getting ready for the new school year starting in October. Please, if you have any student candidates, send your applications, or encourage someone you know to invest one or two years in this life changing experience. Studying is very intensive, all the lessons are based on the Bible and the program is filled with practical mission experience through life in fellowship with brothers and sisters. What we have to offer to our students is hard to find in other theological schools in the region.

Are you wondering which Bible school to enroll or where to send your youth to study? Call us and we will give you many reasons why you should choose HUB Bible school. You are welcome to visit us, ask questions or write. We are here to answer all your questions.

\* ONLY FOR BALKAN REGION

## 15<sup>TH</sup> MISSION CONFERENCE

We have to mention the Mission conference on September 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>. Our guest teacher will be Lindsay Brown, who was a leader of IFES (International Fellowship of Evangelical Students) for a long time, and now he is a director of the Lausanne committee. He is a well respected preacher and we are happy to have him during that weekend with us in Serbia.

You are welcome to spend that weekend together with us, in worship, fellowship centered around God's Word and sharing experiences from different areas in life.



*Lindsay Brown in Cape Town*

### NEWS IN THE TEAM

My brother Srećko and Riste, our former student from Macedonia, joined our team.

Srećko's ministry is maintaining the building and doing many other practical things while Riste is always there for students to help them while they are studying.

Thank God for the right people that God brings to our team.



*Riste Micev*



*Srećko & Snežana Milenković*

*"I am very encouraged by how God has been changing the students through His Word. I see that investing in them is really worthwhile. I am very blessed and full of joy that I am a part of this ministry in HUB."* **Riste Micev**

### CHURCH IN OPOVO

We have been praying about it for 5 years and it is finally coming to realization. We have bought a lot for a church and a community center at the very center of Opoovo. This is a big thing for all of us and it is great to see how God lead it all. Please pray about our further steps concerning this. We will share this vision with you soon in a special newsletter intended especially for that.

Thank you for having read all the way through this newsletter.

We are thankful for your faithfulness and your persistence to support us in everything and to pray for us.

Write to us, call us, visit us. We are here to serve to God's people in the region.

We pray that God would bless you abundantly.  
May God be with you.

In Christ,

*Sladjan and Jaroslava Milenković*

With the staff team and the students of HUB



*12<sup>th</sup> of June 2011, Bijeljina, Bosnia & Herzegovina; visits to churches*