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ANNUAL CAMPAIGN -

EEM's Million Dollar Sunday annual campaign is around the corner, kicking off on September 24, 2017. While the evil one sows seeds of war and godlessness across Eastern Europe, our God continues to disseminate hope and love through a wide variety of unique opportunities revealed to EEM. God is inviting us to get in on what He is doing! Million Dollar Sunday is a chance for you to partner with us in sowing God's Word in

HIGHLIGHTED OPPORTUNITIES



BIBLES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

REGIONS

PARTNERSHIP WITH NATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN KIEV

CHRISTIAN ETHICS TEACHER TRAINING SEMINARS

KINDERGARTEN **CURRICULUM WITH BIBLES**

ENTIRE REGIONS

BIBLES IN

2,200

2017. Highlighted opportunities include: 50,000 New Testaments in Slovenia, 130,000 books in Bulgaria, Bibles in public schools in Ukraine, Croatia and Romania, and the translation of our Teen Bible to Arabic and Farsi.

Your mutual partnership in this campaign will impact the lives of the lost and hopeless by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ in their language.

GREECE

FARSI AND ARABIC TEEN BIBLES

CROATIA

BIBLES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ROMANIA **BIBLES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

SLOVENIA **V TESTAMENTS**

BULGARIA









Hellenic Ministry's Porto Astro Camp

The Fish Story

In 1988, Kostas Macris, a Greek Christian bought 14 acres of oceanfront property located 100 km north of Athens, Greece. Kostas believed that God wanted him to develop that land and use it to help reach the Communist and Muslim nations nearby. Developing this land took time. Decades earlier, it had been an olive tree orchard running up the mountain from the Aegean Sea. At the time Kostas purchased the property, it was overrun with brush and rocks, which was described by some as unusable land.

On one trip from Athens to the property, Kostas stopped for coffee. In the coffee shop, Kostas met an Albanian man named Arturo. They struck up such a good conversation that Kostas invited Arturo to come out with him to see his property. Arturo agreed. Arturo did not know anything about Kostas-that he was a Christian or that the property was going to be used to reach the Communist and Muslim worlds. As Arturo first stepped onto the property, he looked at the side

had breakfast the next morning. I kept waiting for Kostas to take nets out and start fishing, but he never did, so I finally asked him, 'Are you a fisherman, Kostas?' Kostas replied, 'Well, yes, I am. And you're going to be my fish!"

From that point on, Arturo began learning about Christ. He says that Porto Astro, the name of the camp now, is a place where Middle Eastern refugees are treated with respect and are safe. Seeing how the lives of these refugee men change when they become disciples of Jesus at the camp made him want to become a disciple of Jesus, too.

Today, Arturo has not only become a Christian but oversees the physical development of the entire camp! In May, many of our EEM staff sang, prayed and simply took in the breathtaking beauty of the horseshoe bay below the 14 acre camp. Even more beautiful was the sound of the voices of Iranian and Afghani refugees playing soccer and having fun in this holy, safe place where many are becoming disciples of Christ. What a joy to provide God's Word to such "boots on the ground" partners as these.

Learn more at hellenicministries.org



Two Ukrainian Esthers

Among the 24 regions of Ukraine, Ternopil and Lviv are to the west. We got to meet the education leaders of these two regions—Anna in Ternopil and Galena in Lviv. Each of these women are doing amazing things for God through their active faith and positions of leadership in the education system of Ukraine.

When we met with Anna, she talked about how they work hard for the "unity of all believers" within the education system in Ternopil. "If we, as Christians, are not standing together in prayer," Anna said, "then how will good things happen?" Anna described how the youth were aimless and without vision when Ukraine first became independent in 1991. Her career is dedicated to helping Ukraine find its aim and its vision.

Anna said, "Change in Ukraine will not take place until we accept the Scriptures." She thanked EEM for providing Bibles—the key to making Ukraine pure and secure so it can be all God wants it to be going forward.

We ask that you join us in praying for the 821 schools in the Ternopil region.

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In Lviv, we shared a meal with Galena, the leading Christian Ethics educator in her region. Like Anna, Galena is a passionate, gifted educator who obviously loves what she does and stands proudly for Christ. Together, Galena and her husband, recently co-authored an article calling for the whole Ukrainian education system to be based on Christian Ethics principles and teaching—rather



than merely continuing to teach Christian Ethics as an elective (though that's being done widely and effectively as the most popular elective in Ukraine). This article is being widely published among Lviv's educators and beyond. Galena said Lviv is a spiritual stronghold in Ukraine and has been for a long period. The Lviv region has a history of teaching Christian Ethics in nearly all its schools since 1995, very shortly after Ukraine's independence in 1991.

Galena credits EEM with catalyzing much of the spiritual good that now is moving Lviv forward spiritually. She even said she is using EEM's Youth Camp curriculum in University level courses. She speaks highly of our Bibles and books which they have been using since our 2012 delivery to all schools in Lviv.

Galena and Anna are modern-day "Esthers" in their own right. These two faithful, Christian women are boldly stepping out in faith to seize the opportunities before them in their regions. They are stepping forward for Christ when many others would shrink back.

50K New Testaments

In June, Eastern European Mission began the distribution of 50,000 copies of the first modern adaptation of the original Dalmatin New Testament (NT) in the Slovene language. EEM published these Bibles free of charge for distribution to schools, libraries and individuals throughout Slovenia. EEM partnered with Trubar Forum, the organization responsible for the modern translation of the Dalmatin New Testament. The Dalmatin Bible historically laid the foundation for the Slovene language and nationhood.

The exiting start of the distribution began with a presentation to Slovenian President Borut Pahor on June 8. In Attendance was Bart Rybinski, Vice President of EEM's European Operations.

Rybinski said, "EEM is excited to be part of this effort to bring back the word of God to the people of Slovenia, to enable Slovenian passion and love for reading God's word in their modern language. We can't wait to see what God does and how lives will change in this beautiful country."



Croatian Bibles

Two years ago, EEM started a long process that finally came to fruition. EEM, in cooperation with Varazdin Church of Christ, printed 10,000 modern translated Croatian Bibles. One of EEM's challenges in Croatia has been that all books for Croatian schools of any religious affiliation in Croatia have to be approved by the Catholic Church prior to printing in Croatia. After two years, for the first time, with the persistent efforts of Mladen Dominic, EEM got approval from the Vatican to print the Czechoslovakian Bible without the Apocryphal books of the Old Testament in a Catholic country in Europe.

This is the first time in the history of Croatia that this translation was printed without the extra books. This new modern translated Bible will be freely available to many churches there. From the 10,000 that were printed, 5,000 have already been spoken for by other churches from the Association of Churches of Christ and the remaining 5,000 will be distributed by the Varazdin congregation. Praise God!

The Association of Churches of Christ is a formal organization of all Churches of Christ in Croatia. It was formed by Mladen Jovanovic in the late 90's.

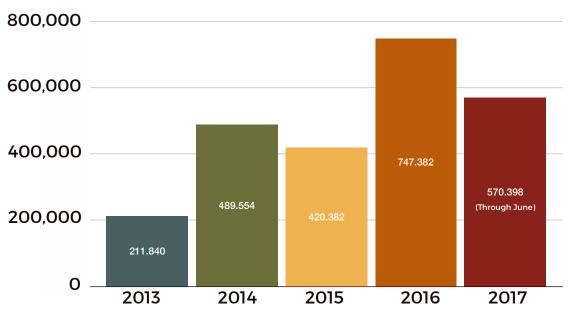
Pray Continually

Pray for our sisters and brothers...
that God will reveal himself to
those in Eastern Europe. And
that He would use EEM to be
a light of the Gospel to reach
everyone with the love of Jesus.

RECORD BREAKING GOSPEL NEWS

2016 was a record-breaking year for EEM with 747,382 Bibles and Bible-based materials printed and delivered in Eastern Europe—free of charge. We have already seen a great increase in 2017, with 570,398 Bibles and Bible-based materials distributed in the first six months alone. At this rate, EEM is expected to hit one million in distribution, exceeding the annual distribution totals for any year in EEM's history. Join EEM to sow the seed of God's Word in Eastern Europe!





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