



Serbian Church News

From the Church Planting Department.

Lescovac Region

Pastor Selim and the church planters continue to meet regularly for prayer, ministry and encouragement. There have been many challenges for the mother church in Lescovac, as the community courts and politicians are continually attempting to force the church to remove their tent, which is the primary meeting place for the church.

This sometimes hinders the church in assisting the church plants and is definitely a distraction from the devil. Kingdom advance is constantly challenged in Serbia.

Nevertheless, the work goes on, with groups grow-

ing, and new souls being added.



Barry with some Gypsy children in Serbia

Primary needs are:

1. Rooms and facilities for the new churches to gather in, this is very challenging to find as the gypsy community is so often frowned upon by the local people.
2. Strength to stand in the face of constant persecution.
3. Release of local resources, a platform of giving and the beginnings

of sowing and reaping in the church of Serbia

4. Freedom from crippling dependency on outside assistance, which so often hinders the faith and vision of the leaders

We are very impressed with our workers and staff members. Sandra, our administrator is a good and tireless worker, and as a Serbian lady she has an excellent rapport with the gypsy church planters.

Please pray for Sandra and the needs above for real breakthrough for the Kingdom.

Note: Barry Wedrat is the director of the Church Planting department in NLI

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For more information.

Support Needs

Many people have indicated that they will support us when we get to the UK.

That is absolutely fantastic, however, unless we raise a specific amount, (80% minimum), of our finance budget beforehand, we aren't actually free to apply for our visas etc.

This is both a practical issue and an important one. If you are considering supporting us, then please let us know the amount your thinking of, even if you don't start giving till we leave.

As long as we know the amount we can add it to our support sheet. Then this will

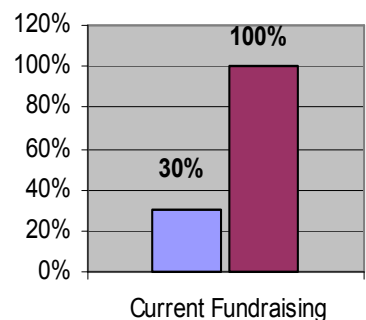
help us to get to the UK quicker and let us know where we're at with our finance needs.

We do appreciate your wonderful love and support for us.

Our current amount is 30% raised so far, see chart below.

Prayer Requests:

- Financial support needs to be met
- Funds for relocation
- Opportunities to speak to churches
- Sell our vehicle
- Scott to learn extra language skills
- Visa process to go smoothly



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Short-Term Missions Training

In February, Wendy Bolton, from the NLI-UK office, along with Zibi Marzec, an NLI associate, trained the church planters in preparing for Short-term Mission teams.

This was a very critical time of training for the church planters as most have never before received a team from the West. We focus much attention on this preparation, as we want to do everything we can to ensure that everything is well planned for the visiting teams, that they have a quality missions experience and leave an impact

on their target communities.

The church planters are very excited about having the teams visit them this year and are already making preparations to host them. We are looking for the Lord to do some fantastic things through the ministry of these international mission teams.

Around 800-900 people will be involved in Short-Term Missions with NLI this year .

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Thomson Family Update

What an incredible 3 months it's been! We have been through so many different emotions and situations, yet we feel incredibly blessed to be on this journey.

Each of us feels that the time has been fruitful even though we just want to be in the UK. We know that there are always times of waiting for God. During these times our faith is tested, our desire and passion for His calling are also being strengthened.

April has been a really beneficial month for Scott work wise, he has had quite a bit of work. Lynda is still working at the church as the administrator, Asha has seen an increased number of hairdressing clients and Daniel has been working at KFC 5 days a week.

If your not aware already Toni, our oldest daughter is living in Tokyo, Japan teaching English. She is also part of the Jesus Life-house church in Tokyo. They are seeing incredible growth and Toni has been tremendously encouraged by the openness of the young Japanese people.



I to r .. Lynda, Scott, Asha & Daniel

Shannon our second daughter is living in Adelaide and will remain in Australia, she has her own place and is part of Westside Christian Centre. She works for a large rural banking organization, which she really enjoys. It will be hard to leave her behind, but we're looking forward to the

first Christmas in the UK with hopefully the whole family together so that should be a blast.

We also have a website up and running which Scott will update as regularly as possible. You can visit us on the web at;

www.impactingnations.com

Keep an eye on the website as we will add new sections from time to time.

What an exciting time we live in, the hope of our world is only found in Christ and the message he has given us to spread. If we are persistent and faithful to take the gospel to all the world, with His help, we will succeed.

We would like to thank you for your support and prayer, it is extremely important and encouraging to us.

Feel free to contact us anytime, our email address is scott@impactingnations.com or you can call us on 0400 16 4000.

Scott & Lynda Thomson will be living in Bedworth, UK and working with Next Level International. NLI is called to empower a new generation of leaders to equip, transform and expand the Church throughout Central and Eastern Europe. With two of their four children they will be moving to the UK in 2004.

Scott will be taking on the demanding and important role of Director of Operations at NLI. With ministry opportunities in Central & Eastern Europe, as well as pastoral ministry responsibilities in the UK.

NLI is a totally self supporting organisation and as such the Thomson's will need to raise their support. You can be involved in this exciting work in Central & Eastern Europe by supporting them monthly, yearly or helping with their relocation costs.

For a brochure email or visit the website.