

# VISION IN ACTION



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# 1991 - 2001

## 10 YEARS NEHEMIA IN ALBANIA

More than 10 years have passed since the borders of Albania opened - after decades of strictest dictatorship. The German relief organization "Nehemia Christian Aid Ministries" followed the request of the Albanian embassy in Germany, and was the first to bring trucks with relief goods into the country. This was in May 1991, and already in spring 1992 the first Nehemia missionary from Germany moved to Pogradec, together with his family. A long term work began.

Since then Albania changed a lot, and with her the work of the Nehemia Foundation Albania. What started small with distribution of relief aid and evangelizing grew by the time into a variety of activities and projects working in different areas of society. With the help of a highly motivated Albanian staff we were able to manage crises and celebrate success.

In the past year 2001, too, we experienced growth in our various projects using God's moral standards as guidelines and foundation. His support is our key for a successful work.

This report gives an insight into our activities during the year 2001, and into a fascinating country full of opportunities.



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# VISION IN ACTION

## THE VISION OF THE NEHEMIA FOUNDATION IS FOR THE LONG TERM TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ALBANIAN SOCIETY ACCORDING TO BIBLICAL VALUES.

### CAN WE CONTRIBUTE TO THE POSITIVE TRANSFORMATION OF A WHOLE COUNTRY?

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The challenge: To work within a culture where structure and the way of thinking is often completely different from our standards in Germany or Western Europe. This is true not only for traditions, but also concerning spiritual questions, every-day issues, patterns of behaviour, working ethics, etc. In Albania we find the typical southern-European way of life, which meets the challenges of everyday life with amazing creativity. Difficult circumstances and structures of society often lead to a rather unconventional dealing with rules and law. Traces of the former dictatorship are still to be felt.

Society is changing rapidly. Big efforts are done to close the economical and social gap between Albania and her neighboring countries. Only too often, however, these efforts fail because of the lack of an obligatory system of moral values. Values, which gain more and more importance even in international high-level management. The results are stagnation in social development and economics, poverty and, too often, crime.

Do we have the power to direct the immense powers of change into the right channels? How much can we, as a comparatively small organization, contribute with our restricted means? A challenge we have to face every day.

Humanitarian aid alone is not sufficient. Overall help is needed, which cares for the spiritual, psychical and material needs of the people, a concept we find in the Bible. Jesus himself stated, that "man does not live from bread alone" (The Bible, Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 4,4). Spiritual values are at least as much needed for a life befitting human beings. On the other hand, the Bible encourages us also in many ways to help practically. (See, for example, Matthew 25, 31 )

During the past ten years this was our goal: **HOLISTIC HELP**, for individuals as well as for the society as a whole. Besides the spiritual ministry within church, this means offering a variety of social, educational and medical and development programs, as well as the creation of places of employment. More and more we invest into management, financial administration and the training of co-workers.

The results until now: Creation of more than 100 work places. Growing churches and village ministries. Plenty of activities in different areas. Many motivated and able co-workers, who invest themselves fully into the work. Management, bookkeeping and reports have been recommended by Albanian governmental authorities.

For the future, too, this is our goal: To establish a base for a spiritual awakening among the Albanian people. This we do by imparting and demonstrating a Biblical system of values, and the education of co-workers, who themselves become bearers of progress and examples.

We experienced it hundreds of times: People who decide to live after Biblical values, receive help in urgent needs and get future perspectives by education and employment, turn to be messengers of hope and practical assistants for their neighbours. Not a short-lived improvement is taking place, but a profound change which lasts. Until eternity.

# VALUES GOALS STRATEGY

## VALUES

Nehemia stands for values like:

*RESPECT OF GOD,  
OF PEOPLE AND  
OF THE ENVIRONMENT*

FORGIVENESS

HONESTY

*NON VIOLENCE*

SOCIAL  
RESPONSIBILITY

These values are based on Biblical standards.

## GOALS

In order to put our vision into practice, we set the following goals:

- ▶ **to plant and build** up stable, multiplying and growing Christian churches in Albania and beyond and to assist others in doing so
- ▶ **to motivate and educate** co-workers from these churches to contribute with a spiritual vision to all the social, educational, medical, agricultural, economical and other realms like also trade and crafts
- ▶ **to evaluate** results of our work and make them available to others
- ▶ **to cooperate** with other mission organizations, **coordinating** activities

## STRATEGY

### NEHEMIA NETWORK FOR ALBANIA

The Nehemia network links projects in church, social work, education, medical work, media and others. The mutual support of these different branches, as well as the networking of information, brings efficiency.

Nehemia is also a service provider for partner organizations and offers support in the areas of administration, bookkeeping, further education, media, building projects and many more.

The network is formed by Albanian and foreign co-workers, donors, advisors, voluntary helpers and other organizations. They all cooperate to put our vision for Albania into practice.

# A SURVEY

## NEHEMIA INTERNATIONAL

Nehemia Foundation Albania has its roots in the initial work of the German mission organizations "Aktionskomitee für verfolgte Christen, AVC" and "Nehemia Christian Aid Ministries", who brought relief aid to Albania as early as in spring 1991. Until today Nehemia Foundation receives the major part of donations from there, and is a part of the international work of Nehemia with activities in more than 40 countries all over the world.  
International Leader: Waldemar Sardaczuk



## POGRADEC

Fondacioni Nehemia's center in Albania is in Pogradec, a little town in the east of Albania, close to the border to Macedonia. A former factory building, which has been renovated in 1997/1998, is housing most of the activities. The work is growing continuously, therefore we started to build new premises in the village of Buçimas close to the city of Pogradec. Nehemia Foundation's central administration is located in Pogradec. 86 Albanian co-workers (8 of them part-time) and 11 foreign missionaries (German, Swiss and Irish) form the staff. Five missionaries' children are part of the team, too.

## DURRËS

In 1995 the work of the German missionaries, Hartmut and Astrid Kämmer, in Durrës has been officially accepted as a branch of the Nehemia Foundation. In Durrës Nehemia focuses on church planting in many villages, where hundreds of children are reached every week. Another focus is the care for the poor.  
Two buildings in Durrës serve as mission base. We own three small church buildings in villages.  
The staff is formed by four missionaries from Germany and Switzerland and 17 Albanian co-workers.

## GJIROKASTËR

The Nehemia branch Gjirokastër has been existing since 1994. The work is led by missionaries from Switzerland, who get their support by the Swiss branch of AVC/Nehemia. In Gjirokastër Nehemia has spiritual ministries in town and surrounding villages, as well as social relief projects like a soup kitchen, support of a public retirement home and a home care service. In Gjirokastër ten Albanian co-workers are employed who work along with four missionaries from Switzerland and one from Germany.

## NEHEMIA PARTNERS

Nehemia works also as a service provider for organizations with similar goals. Our partners are included into Nehemia's administration, including bookkeeping, organizational and judicial issues, communication and many more.  
The challenge, within a South-East European style of administration, is to keep Western standards of efficiency and accuracy. Not an easy task. Our assistance enables partner organizations to considerably reduce costs and efforts for administration and sets them free for their primary goal: To serve the people of Albania.

Our partners:

**MNA** - Medizinische Nothilfe Albanien e.V. (*Medical Emergency Aid Albania*)

The medical projects of Nehemia in Albania are done in close cooperation with MNA. The work is mainly done by short-term staff.

**CHW** - Christlicher Hilfsverein Wismar e.V. (*Christian Relief Association, Wismar*)

CHW works in cooperation with the United Methodist Church. A German couple is living in the remote village of Bishnica from where they coordinate various projects in the region. In addition CHW employs 4 Albanian co-workers.

**AC** - Chiesa Apostolica, Italia (*Apostolic Church, Italy*)

The work of AC is led by an Italian couple with two children. They live in Pogradec and are assisted by two part-time co-workers and many voluntary helpers. Their focus is the spiritual ministry in villages.

**CfN** - Christ for the Nations (*Glaubenszentrum Bad Gandersheim*)

CfN has a Bible school for adults in Pogradec which is also active in evangelistic outreaches and church planting in villages. The work is done by a team of three German, one Swiss and two Albania co-workers..

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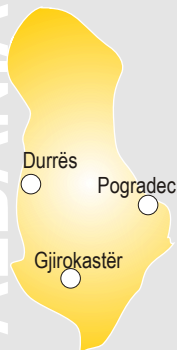
PG = Nehemia Pogradec; GJ = Nehemia Gjirokastër; DR = Nehemia Durrës;

MNA = Medical Emergency Aid Albania; CHW = Christian Relief Association, Wismar; AC = Apostolic Church; CfN = Christ for the Nations

# ACTIVITIES

## 2001

ALBANIA



### SPIRITUAL SOCIAL EDUCATIONAL MEDICAL

	Churches	Village ministry	Bible school	Long term projects	Relief aid & family help	Development aid	School & kindergarten	School supporting projects	Seminars & courses	Outpatients' clinic	Village outreaches	Individual assistance
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## FACTS & FIGURES

Fondacioni Nehemia Albania 2001

- > brought relief aid for 18 000 000 Lek/ 275 000,-- DM  
in addition to various other projects and services
- > works regularly in 52 Albanian towns and villages
- > employs a full-time staff of 105 people in Albania
- > 28 foreign co-workers are living and working in Albania

# DONATIONS

## FINANCES + DONATIONS

Fondacioni Nehemia is financed by voluntary donations. The biggest part of our funds is put at our disposal by the AVC and NEHEMIA centers in Germany and Switzerland. As an humanitarian organization Nehemia has the right to issue tax deductible receipts for Germany.

Some of the projects cover most of their running costs, for example for our private school, through income of their own. Different work branches and projects are directly financed by our partner organizations MNA, CHW, AC and CfN. The Youth Center in Pogradec is funded by the German NGO "German Agro Action"(GAA).

### TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY

Responsible handling of donations and a correct bookkeeping are guaranteed in the detailed annual audit by independent specialists. Our supporters receive, if desired, detailed activity reports in addition to annual reports and regular newsletters.

### LOW COSTS FOR ADMINISTRATION

By means of voluntary practical and financial contributions from co-workers and an effective use of funds Nehemia is trying to keep the costs for administration low, without loss of efficiency. A big help are donated services in the areas of administration and education by qualified supporters.

According with the values which we promote, Nehemia does not make any inofficial contributions.

## SUPPORTERS

As an independent mission and aid organisation the Nehemia Foundation depends on the voluntary financial and practical support by individuals, churches and other organizations.

We need and receive not only financial support, but also:

spiritual support

*through prayer and intercession*

professional advice

*by specialists and leaders in the economy, in science, from churches and missions*

practical assistance

*by short-term co-workers who are willing to come on their own expense to Albania and offer help in different areas of work.*

We want to thank all those who, during the last year, committed themselves with considerable effort to the support of our work. A lot of it brought immediate results, others worked largely unnoticed in the background. The work of Nehemia Foundation as we see it today would never be possible without the voluntary contributions of hundreds of supporters.

## DONORS

**For the following projects donors took over the largest part of the running costs by regular donations:**

- > Soup Kitchen and home care service in Pogradec. Donor: Jesus Gemeinde Sohland
- > School for the children of foreign co-workers. Donor: Freie Christengemeinde Kronach
- > Repair, maintenance and insurance for vehicles. (Donor doesn't want to be named.)

We owe special thanks to the churches in Germany and Switzerland, who sent out some of their best co-workers as missionaries to Albania, and in addition contribute regularly by financial support.

**Considerable restricted donations we received for the following projects:**

- > Purchase of vehicles
- > Medical emergency cases
- > Renovation of the handball stadium in Pogradec (planned for 2002)
- > Purchase of land and buildings in Buçimas/Pogradec
- > Building material (material for electric installation, generators, tools etc.)
- > Equipment for the MediaCenter
- > Furniture for public schools (second hand)



# CHURCH



Mission work and the spiritual support of the Albanian people forms the basis of all the activities of Nehemia. As a mission organization we want to fulfill Jesus' call, "Go and make disciples of all nations." (Gospel of Matthew, chapter 28, 19-20) A disciple is much more than just the formal member of a church. Our experience shows that every time people commit their life to Biblical values, positive changes take place, beginning with the individuals and on to families and surroundings, and up to society as a whole.

Nehemia Foundation, as an evangelical and Biblical oriented mission organization is part of the international Pentecostal movement, the world's fastest growing Christian movement. Nehemia churches are members of the Evangelical Alliance of Albania (Vëllazeria Ungjillore Shqipëri, VUSH), which was founded in Albania in 1892.

Nehemia's spiritual work is not done according to strict rules and liturgies, but adapts to the situation and needs at the specific places of work. Lively and joyful services are part of the Nehemia churches as well as childrens' meetings, home groups, seminars, village outreaches, etc. Personal care in counselling, home visits and, if needed, social assistance, are also a natural part of our spiritual work.

## FACTS & FIGURES

- > Regular spiritual work is done in 52 towns and villages in Albania.
- > 670 adults attend the weekly meetings.
- > We reach more than 1800 children every week.
- > 31 co-workers are employed for spiritual ministry, and supported by a huge number of voluntary helpers.
- > 98 believers have been baptized in 2001

## THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Our partner organization "Christ for the Nations" has a Bible school in Pogradec, where about 6 students attend the 6-months intensive courses, including food and board.

In several churches special study programs and courses are offered for members.

Various seminars with well known preachers and speakers are an important part of Nehemia's spiritual work.

## SPECIALS

- > Regular services and visits in the retirement home in Gjirokastër
- > Various evangelistic outreaches and services by believers from Albania, Switzerland, Germany and many more.
- > Support of a missionary in Tropoje/Northern Albania
- > Two co-workers have been sent to Kosova as missionaries.
- > Another co-worker is working in Gramsh/Holtas.
- > Home visits and social assistance for people in need are organized by most of the Nehemia churches.



Towns and villages where Nehemia is working regularly:

**Durrës**, Ishem, Hamallaj, Manz, Kull, Ariu, Sukth, Shijak, Bialas, Tuneli, Nishtulla, Keneta, Xhafzotaj, Rinia, Pjezge, Katund Sukth, Rade **Gjirokastër**, Humelic, Topullare, Valare, Stala, Nokove, Erindi, Mashkullore, Arshi Lengo, Asem Zeneli, Libohove, Nepravishte, **Pogradec**, Stropcke, Bratomire, Blace, Cerrave, Bishnica, Buzahishte, Velcan, Jolle, Shpelle, Starova, Memelisht, Somotine Maline, Potkozhan, Kalivac, Laktezh, Slabinja, Proptisht, Hudenisht, Verdova, **Tropoje** (Northern Albania), **Holtas** (Distr.Gramsh) **Malisheva** (Kosova)

# SOCIAL WORK



We still find much poverty and need in Albania, especially in the villages which suffer from migration. Many have to fight for survival. Living conditions are becoming worse. But also in towns we often find old and sick people who urgently need help. The public social system is still suffering from mismanagement of the past centralistic structures. Although considerable efforts are made to improve the situation, it will take time until effects will be seen and felt. Public funds are limited. Buildings need renovation and social support is often not functioning.

Our response: Humanitarian emergency aid for persons in need without respect to ethnic origin or religion, as well as development aid, which shall bring a long term improvement of the situation in Albania.

Our social activities can be divided into three areas:

## PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

**1) Long-term projects** - like soup kitchens and mobile care services

**2) Distribution of relief aid** in villages and for families in need, as well as financial support for people in emergency situations, for example serious sicknesses, burnt houses, etc.

**3) Support of authorities, public institutions and NGOs** - by material help and relief goods, advice and training, building projects and public tasks like waste disposal and water supply.

## DETAILS

### LONG TERM PROJECTS 2001

- > Soup kitchens in Gjirokastër (25 persons) und Pogradec (20 persons)  
Next year another feeding program shall start in Durrës.
- > Support of the retirement home in Gjirokastër: Financial support and employment of additional personnel for 1 700 000 Lek/ 26 000,-- DM
- > Mobile care services and practical assistance in Gjirokastër and Pogradec

### DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF GOODS & INDIVIDUAL HELP 2001

- > 6 transports brought relief aid (school furniture, food, clothes, hygienic articles, etc. )
- > Distribution of more than 7 800 Christmas parcels (donated by the relief organization "Samaritan's Purse")

Distribution of relief aid for people in need: Total value: 18 000 000 Lek/ 277 000,-- DM

- > Distribution of food, clothes, hygienic articles and stationery (AC, CHW, DR, GJ, PG)
- > Regular visits and/or material support for about 160 families
- > Special support for widows by the local churches (DR)
- > Distribution of food as Christmas presents (DR)
- > Material and financial help for 318 families (PG)
- > Assistance in medical emergency cases (see. p. 12) Value: Lek 6 240 000 Lek/ DM 96 000,--
- > Renovation of homes (see p. 13)

Help for handicapped people:

- > Distribution of wheelchairs, crutches and medical material. Plus: Food and hygienic articles, where needed.
- > Individual lessons in reading and writing for one person in Bishnica.
- > Apartment for a paralyzed lady and her children in the Nehemia center in Pogradec (rent-free)
- > Individual medical support (see p. 12)

### DEVELOPMENT AID 2001

Projects:

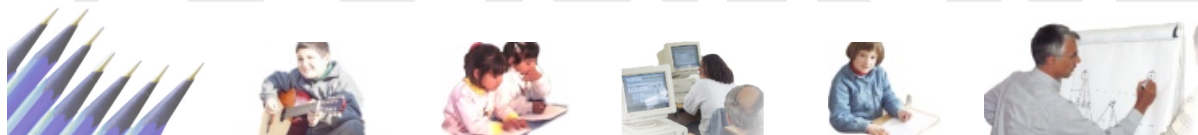
- > Regular water transports to the village Bratomire (Costs: 256 000 Lek/ 4 000,-- DM)
- > Waste disposal in the village Buçimas (Costs: 120 700 Lek/1 800,-- DM)
- > Equipment and furniture for a nursery (Value: 780 000 Lek/12 000,-- DM)
- > Renovation of the school in Velçan (CHW)
- > The public school in Maline uses a room in the Nehemia building as classroom (rent-free).
- > An off-road vehicle with driver is at the disposal of a doctor in the region Velçan, as well as for medical emergency transports to the hospital in Pogradec (CHW and Nehemia PG).

Relief goods:

- > Schools Gjirokastër, Durrës, Pogradec and Velcan (CHW) received furniture.
- > Hygienic articles and stationery have been distributed in different schools.
- > A church in Fier received a minibus.
- > Authorities and public institutions received diverse items, like typewriters and stationery.

Picture: An example: In the village of Bratomire the water system is broken. Drinking water has to be brought from a neighboring village. A hard work, especially for those, who do have neither vehicles nor donkeys for the transport. Nehemia helps through regular water transports.

# EDUCATION



The way towards a long-term change of society starts with education. The challenge is not only the acquisition of information and the ability to put theory into practice in a constructive way. As important as it is to understand and to impart values and rules of social life, such as social responsibility, forgiveness, non-violence and respect of God, of people and of creation.

It is our goal to offer education and training for every age group and people of every social level. Nehemia schools are open for everybody without respect to ethnic origin or religion.

Nehemia is continuously working on high standards of schools and education programs. This is done through training and further education for the teachers, as well as through the use of good, modern teaching material and convenient premises. Nehemia will build a big education center close to Pogradec which will meet the needs and standards of modern schools and solve the urgent need for larger premises of the Nehemia Private School and Kindergarten (see page. 13).

## PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

### 1) School and Kindergarten

in Pogradec

### 2) School supporting projects

Day care center for poor children (DR), dormitory (CHW)

### 3) Courses and seminars

Foreign language courses (PG, GJ, CHW), computer studio (PG)

Professional forum (see p. 14): Seminars and further professional education

Youth Center PG (see p. 14): Various courses and activities

## DETAILS

### PRIVATE SCHOOL

Registered by the Albanian Ministry of Education on 30.10.1998 (No. 5342 prot.)

"Shkolla Nehemia" is a private school with 175 students (grades 1 -6). A rich program of additional courses, foreign language and computer lessons as well as voluntary Bible lessons are offered in addition to the official Albanian curriculum. A big part of the costs are covered by school fees

A comprehensive educational concept is being prepared, which includes a revision of the teaching program. First steps, like the election of a parents' board and the nomination of a school board, as well as the revision of the bylaws have been completed in 2001.

The teachers of Nehemia school receive further education and training regularly. Contacts to schools and universities abroad shall be intensified, and school partnerships established.

**Many thanks to the mission organization "Living Water Ministries/Adopt a Child", who offered classrooms free of rent for the current school year.**

### KINDERGARTEN

Registered by the Albanian Ministry of Education on 23.11.1999

58 children take part in the program of "Kopshti Nehemia". Modern teaching methods and support programs prepare the children well for their future school life.

### DORMITORY (CHW)

The dormitory in Bishnica for children from remote villages which have no own schools, offers, besides food and lodging, homework assistance, remedial lessons and leisure activities.

10 students are living in the dormitory during the current school year. Kitchen work and cooking is done voluntarily by church members. Nominal fees payed by the families help to cover the costs.

### DAY CARE CENTER

Nehemia Durrës offers special support programs for children from extremely poor families. Through pre-school lessons and homework assistance, children get the chance to integrate into public schools and gain acceptance by society. The concept proved successful - quite a few of the children rank among the best students in their classes in public school.

The program consists of 25 children in three groups (age groups: Kindergarten, first and second grade). In order to meet the many requests we hope to find donors for the funds to extend the program to 60 places.

Nehemia offers additional courses in reading and writing for illiterate adults (3 times a week).

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE COURSES

In Gjirokastër (German), Pogradec (German), Durrës (German) and Bishnica (English)

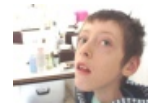
### GUITAR COURSES

In Gjirokastër, Pogradec, Durrës and Stropcke (AC)

### COMPUTER STUDIO

In Pogradec 36 persons took part in basic computer courses. Additional seminars and courses have been held within the program of the Nehemia Professional Forum (see p. 14).

# MEDICAL SERVICE



The public health system in Albania still needs a lot of support. Buildings and premises are not in good condition, medicine supplies are often not sufficient and salaries for medical personnel are very low. The natural results are lack of motivation and, too often, corruption.

Those who suffer most under these circumstances are poor families, disabled persons and people living in remote villages.

Many sicknesses cannot be treated in Albania. The only solution is treatment abroad. Yet, only few people in Albania can afford the immense costs and are dependent on support.

Fondacioni Nehemia, in cooperation with its partner organization "Medical Emergency Aid Albania", started several medical projects. Medical treatment should always include spiritual and psychic aspects. That's why co-workers of Nehemia and MNA offer spiritual counselling and prayer wherever desired.

The medical work of Nehemia is supervised by local health authorities (Agreement from 17.04.1999).

## DETAILS

### OUTPATIENT'S CLINIC

In the clinic in Pogradec two Albanian doctors and a nurse are working (part time). Every day about 40 patients get free examination and treatment.

In 2001 one of our doctors passed a qualification for sonography in Germany. Our special thanks goes to Dr. Erk and his clinic "Diakonissenkrankenhaus" in Dresden for a profound support and qualified teaching.

### OUTREACHES OF FOREIGN MEDICAL TEAMS

In 2001 six medical outreaches were done in Gjirokastër and Pogradec. 30 doctors, nurses and physiotherapists took part on their own expenses.

Focus: Pediatrics, village outreaches, support of the out-patients clinic in Pogradec, first-aid courses.

A group of five dentists and dental assistants treated patients in Pogradec, Gjirokastër and Tirana.

### MOBILE CARE SERVICE

A mobile care service for sick and disabled people has been started, which includes home visits, practical assistance, support with relief aid and medical care (nursing).

### MEDICAL RELIEF AID

Relief for more than 6 250 000 Lek/ 96 000,- DM has been distributed in 2001, including medicine, special drugs for the treatment of hemophily and medical machines.

### TREATMENT FOR SPECIAL CASES

> **Lina**, a girl from the village Jolle, got a hip surgery in Germany. The costs were covered by restricted donations from CHW and private donors. The University Clinic Greifswald offered the treatment for a reduced price. Voluntary co-workers cared for organization, board, etc. Costs: 2 275 000 Lek/ 35 000 DM

> **Nari** is a young man, who got mutilated as a child through an exploding mine. (see p. 15) From Nehemia he got an electrical wheelchair and crutches. By intermediation of MNA he received artificial limbs. An eye surgery shall follow.

> **Besjana**, a young cancer patient, received chemotherapy and surgery in Macedonia. Regular home visits and a pain therapy followed.

For further medical emergency cases we **urgently need restricted donations**. For example for two boys with scars from serious burns, which happened several years ago. Scars and skin deformations led already to serious growth problems as well as psychological impairment. Surgeries, which can only be done abroad, are vitally necessary for both children.

# BUILDING PROJECTS



Construction work is a growing branch of Nehemia's activities. More and more premises are needed.

- 1) Continually growing projects and activities require suitable premises, and our partner organizations and other NGOs are thankful for support.
- 2) Many poor families have to live in houses unfit for human habitation. Nehemia helps through purchase of building materials and, if needed, practical assistance in renovation of their homes.
- 3) Many public buildings, too, have to be renovated urgently, with only limited official funds available. Nehemia helps, for example, with the renovation of schools, hospitals, etc.
- 4) Albania is a rapidly developing country, which makes urban planning an urgent necessity. Nehemia assists by giving advice and urban planning by our own architects as well as the establishment of connections to specialists in Western Europe.

## DETAILS

### CONSTRUCTION OFFICE & BUILDING TEAM

In order to put all these tasks into practice, Nehemia has opened in 2001 a construction office, which is led by a German civil engineer, an Albanian and a German architect, who cooperate closely with the office of our German architect, Helmut Hauser (Egenhausen). Besides the construction of new buildings our goal is the creation of work places and further education. 14 workers and assistants are part of the Nehemia construction team who were unemployed before. At request of the Albanian Employment Secretary we plan to create an officially acknowledged program for further education and qualification for craftsmen and construction workers who receive practical training by local and foreign craftsmen, foreign language courses, etc. Training and education in Germany and Switzerland are planned.

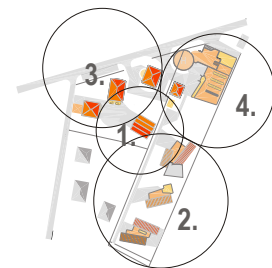
In Durrës, we purchased the last missing floor in the building which will house the Nehemia Center. The work, which is still needed to finish the building and the exterior, will be completed by April 2002.

### NEHEMIA CENTER Buçimas

In Pogradec, most of the projects and activities of Nehemia are located in the Nehemia Center (inaugurated in July 1998), which by now has become much too small. Further premises are urgently needed. They will be built in Buçimas, a village close to the city of Pogradec. The Nehemia Center Buçimas will consist of the following parts:

- 1) A Church building, which will house also social activities (Start of construction: February 2002)
- 2) Three schools (construction phase 1 starting in February 2002)
- 3) The administrative center, consisting of a mission house, a guest house and an administration building with MediaCenter.
- 4) A big multi purpose hall with restaurant, mensa and storage place for relief goods and a medical department.

Acquisitions 2000/2001: 13.000 m<sup>2</sup> of land and three houses which will be renovated



### CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT

Nehemia Foundation, partner organizations and other evangelical missions and churches are working in hundreds of towns and villages all over Albania. Only too often the lack of premises is a serious problem. Nehemia wants to help through a church building project for combined church and social buildings, which includes planning, support in fundraising, juridical questions, purchase of material as well as practical construction work. The first church and social building of that kind will be built in Buçimas. Further projects are planned.

### RENOVATION

Public buildings:

In 2001 the school in Velcan has been renovated by CHW.

For the roof of the public basketball stadium in Pogradec Nehemia secured restricted funds of min. € 25 600,--

The construction shall be done in 2002.

Private houses:

This help for very poor families is usually started by mercy ministries from local Nehemia churches. In Nishtulla/Durrës, for example, several roofs have been repaired with plastic film. In villages around Pogradec three houses have been renovated.

# MEDIA



- The goal of our media work is:
- > to inform in a professional way about the Nehemia projects and activities,
  - > to impart the vision and values of the Nehemia Foundation and
  - > to further the use of modern media in Albania.

Nehemia assists NGOs, churches and others to learn to use modern media for the benefit of the Albanian society.

Nehemia MediaCenter has the following tasks:

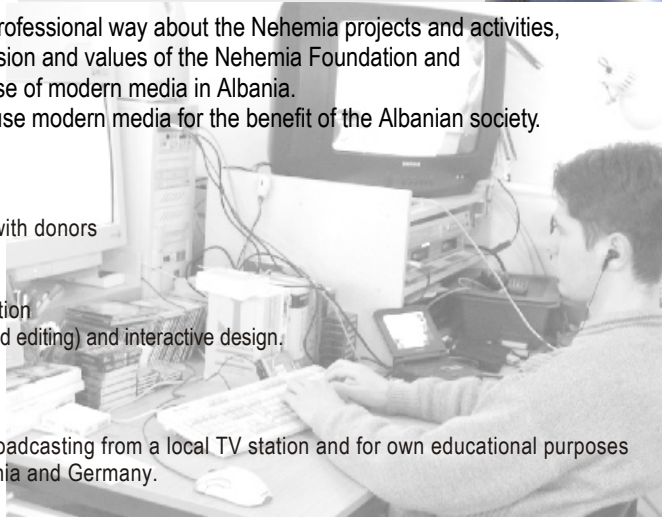
- > Education and training of modern media
- > Fundraising management and keeping contact with donors
- > Nehemia public relations
- > Support of churches and other NGOs
- > Computer maintenance for the Nehemia Foundation

We mainly work in the areas of graphic design, video (filming and editing) and interactive design.

The activities in 2001 included the production of:

- > fundraising concepts and material
- > educational films (management seminar) for broadcasting from a local TV station and for own educational purposes
- > graphic design for NGOs and churches in Albania and Germany.

Plus: Training of co-workers and seminars



# YOUTH CENTER

Donor: German Agro Action (GAA)

The Youth Center in Pogradec is located in a part of the local middle school "Muharrem Çollaku" which has been renovated in 2000 with funds of German Agro Action.

Goal of the project:

Advice and professional training for young people, as well as the practical training of civil mechanisms with respect of human rights and a non-violent solving of conflicts.

- Activities in the following areas:
- > sport (basketball, volleyball)
  - > sewing and needlework
  - > literature and language
  - > computers
  - > new media & photography
  - > arts

In 2001 about 500 young people took part in the courses.



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# PROFESSIONAL FORUM

The goal of Nehemia Professional Forum is to impart western standards of training and education in management, administration, trade and crafts. Another goal is the support of small businesses by giving advice and the establishing of contacts.

Programs and seminars are offered for co-workers of Nehemia Foundation, managers of NGOs, businesses and local government.

Craftsmen receive special opportunities for qualification in the Buçimas Project.

In 2001 the following courses have been offered:

- > Management seminar about leadership with Paul Donders, PMT
- > Time-management seminar - Lohn Method (Jan Bandera)
- > Bookkeeping seminars "Quickbooks" (Dajana Bega)
- > Seminar "Graphics + CorelDraw 9.0" (Nehemia MediaCenter; Margit Haitz)
- > First Aid Training (MNA; Dr.Storm & Team)
- > Internal co-worker training:
  - budgeting
  - driver training
  - corporate identity
  - etc.



Development of an emergency plan for disaster prevention in cooperation with Albanian authorities and other NGOs.

# SERVICES



## ADMINISTRATION & CO-WORKERS

Nehemia's central administration for the branches (PG, DR, GJ), partner organizations and all the projects is located in the Nehemia Center in Pogradec.

In Albania 105 full time co-workers and 10 part time workers are employed, for all of whom social security contributions are paid as required. 28 missionaries (with 7 children) work in Albania, 8 of whom with college/university training and 17 with qualifications in vocational training.

Nehemia Foundation offers support and services for partner organizations with the goal to raise the level of effectiveness of mission work in Albania. For our four partner organizations we offer the following services:

- > Central bookkeeping and audit
- > Communication (phone, fax, e-mail)
- > Care for juridical and organizational issues, like customs clearance, residence permits, etc.
- > Organization of relief transports

# HOSPITALITY



Year after year hundreds of guests and short-term co-workers visit the Nehemia centers in Pogradec, Gjirokastër and Durrës. Until now the care for guests is done voluntarily by Nehemia co-workers, besides their various professional tasks. In Pogradec, we count every year more than 2.000 overnight stays, in Gjirokastër about 450 guests have been received by the Nehemia staff.

In Buçimas/Pogradec the construction of a guesthouse and a mission house is planned, to meet the urgent need for larger premises for our guests (see p. 13).

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# GERMAN SCHOOL

The schooling for children of foreign co-workers is done on a home school basis in the German language. Two teachers from Germany teach five children in five different grades. The material and the system are acknowledged by the German government.

The costs for this school can be largely covered by designated donations from a German church (Freie Christengemeinde Kronach) and other private donations.



# FINANCIAL REPORT

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Correct and detailed financial statements are important for our work, not only to meet the legal requirements for auditing and reporting, but also for our own analysis concerning efficiency of projects, reliability of accounting and structured plans for our future work.

Of course, we also owe our donors and supporters insight into the financial reports. They are, after all, the source for our finances and enable us to run our various projects.

Continuously we try to improve bookkeeping and financial reports by further education of the staff, use of up-to-date software etc.

Professional accountants and auditors like Michelle Mann, Andrea Anthony (USA) and Ahmed Bugri (Malta) help us with professional counsel and advice, train our staff and do the annual audits.

Fondazioni NEHEMIA's goal is to reach maximum efficiency and reliability in handling funds and donations.





# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

FONDACIONI NEHEMIA  
ALBANIA  
POGRADEC

Honourable ladies and gentlemen,

I, the signatory Berti Pashko, Authorized Accounting Expert, thank you for your confidence in entrusting me the legal control of the accounts of your Foundation. I am honoured to present my report on the "Annual Accounts" covering the accounting period from January 1 to December 31, 2001, in compliance with the mission of an Authorized Accountant Expert expressed in my licence no. 07 issued by IEKA.

Besides the foreword, the report consists of two parts:

- 1. The control of the annual accounts of the foundation, attached to this report**
- 2. Specific certificates and information foreseen by the law made available to me.**

The main objective of my controls was the application of the requirements deriving from the law "On Accounting", "On the Trade Companies", "The Comprehensive Accounting Plan" and other laws and further legal provisions, which extended throughout the accounting period.

The control was done based on the check of the documentation, used and found in the offices of your foundation on the economic and financial transactions carried out throughout the year and which are reflected in the amounts represented in the financial accounts (balance sheet and its annexes). To fulfil my mission, I have evaluated the methods and principles employed for the accounting as well as those for preparing the financial statements.

Besides completing the accounting evidence (synthetic and analytic accounts, diaries, balance and its annexes) in a summarized way, I am introducing the following observations:

## **I. OPINIONS ON THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

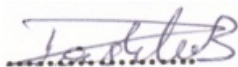
I have checked the annual accounts in reference with the accounting recommendations and the appropriate professional norms by making the relevant verifications for the compiled documentation, bookkeeping, and information used by employing the appropriate techniques of the accounting expertise.

## **II. VERIFICATION OF THE INFORMATION**

Other documents and materials related to accounting and finance, that were presented and made available to us, are kept according to the general accepted principles of accounting. I did not check other special information or reports besides those above mentioned, and I don't have any objection regarding all the material.

**In the conclusion of the verifications and checks, I am able to certify that the annual accounts attached to this report are sincere and correct and they give a faithful picture of the result of the transactions during the accounting period as well as the financial and assets situation of your Foundation as of December 31, 2001.**

Berti Pashko.



Authorised Accounting Expert

Tirane February 7, 2002

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended 31 December 2001

	<u>2001</u>	
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>		
Donations - Cash	132.385.271 Lek	
Donations - Gifts-in-Kind	19.228.193	
Church Offerings	2.082.557	
Tuition Income	14.276.470	
Interest Income	65.005	
Other Income	<u>8.871.529</u>	
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b> Notes A, K		176.909.025 Lek
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Books	402.118	
Automobiles expenses	10.150.865	
Bank Charges	101.211	
Charity	10.429.508	
Communication	2.378.114	
Depreciation	4.588.557	
Donated Professional Fees	4.761.408	
Expence with TVSH	215.500	
Equipment	6.847.966	
Food	5.026.849	
Furnishings	299.250	
Hospitality	1.041.825	
Humanitarian Items Disbursed	7.462.203	
Legal Fees	813.835	
Membership Fees	67.890	
Miscellaneous	317.743	
Office	1.710.914	
Public Relations	12.350	
Rent	2.459.140	
Repairs and Maintenance	1.896.407	
Restricted donation expenses	982.976	
Sports Equipment	129.370	
Staff Salaries and Taxes	29.274.806	
Other Taxes	1.090.416	
Small Tools	227.273	
Transportation/Shipping	16.558	
Travel Domestic	3.730.999	
Travel International	3.901.227	
Utilities	3.926.947	
Automobiles expenses	2.328.505	
Tuition	304.616	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		106.897.346 Lek
<b>OTHER REVENUE AND EXPENSE</b>		
<b>Other Revenue</b>		
Gain on Sale of Assets	142.890	
Currency exchange gain	637.219	
Project Transfer Income	5.792.455	
Ovehead reimbursement	3.751.078	
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<u>10.323.642</u>	
<b>Other Expense</b>		
Currency Exchange Loss	857.348	
Project Transfer Expense	<u>7.096.057</u>	
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<u>7.953.405</u>	
<b>Total Other Revenue and Expense</b>		<u>2.370.237 Lek</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>		<b><u>72.381.916 Lek</u></b>

Average exchange rate : 140 Lek / 1 USD

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of 31 December 2001

	<u>31 December 2001</u>	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash Note F	6.822.870 Lek	
Humanitarian Aid Inventory Note I	1.043.235	
Note Receivable Note B	406.240	
Note receivable Note A	<u>64.058</u>	
Total Current Assets		8.336.403 Lek
Fixed Assets Notes C, D, H		
Tools and Machinery	6.296.406	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-2.989.162	
Equipment	7.931.644	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-2.772.631	
Automobiles	8.664.000	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-4.230.291	
Buildings	85.574.220	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-4.828.754</u>	
Total Fixed Assets		93.645.432 Lek
Land		51.817.130 Lek
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>153.798.965 Lek</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Insurance Payable	89.541	
Sales Tax Payable	11.841	
Other Tax Payable	-844.182	
Accounts Payable	<u>60.598</u>	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		-682.202 Lek
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted	55.411.891	
Temporarily Restricted	26.687.360	
Change in Net Assets	<u>72.381.916</u>	
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<u>154.481.167 Lek</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</b>		<u>153.798.965 Lek</u>

# LIFE STORIES & REPORTS

## Çelik Jolla

Farmer from the village Jolle:

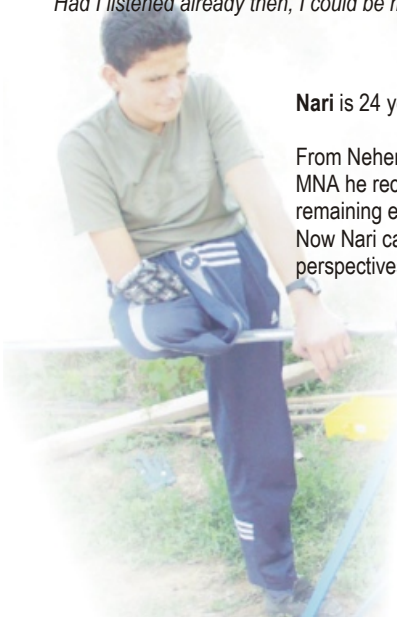
*"It is a good thing that we meet every week in our home group. It is important for me to hear more about the Bible and that there are people who explain it to me. On my own, I could not understand everything. When my daughters were still home, I used to leave the room whenever they read the Bible and prayed. I considered it as "girl's affairs". Only lately I recognized what a big mistake this was. Had I listened already then, I could be much more advanced in my life as a Christian."*



**Nari** is 24 years old. As a child he lost one leg, one arm, and his right eye through a mine explosion.

From Nehemia he first received an electrical wheelchair and crutches. Through the help and mediation of MNA he received artificial limbs. We hope that soon he will receive surgery for his severely damaged remaining eye, too.

Now Nari can walk without the help of others, and through his faith in Jesus he received new motivation and perspectives for his life.



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Our co-worker in Gjirokaštër, **Rosa Bellwald**, reports:

*"Our work in the retirement home shows very clearly the changes which a life with Jesus brings. Aggressive and careworn persons, where quarrels and moaning were the order of the day, became open and joyful people. Dirt and bad smells are gone. The services have good attendance, more than half of the occupants are reborn Christians."*



**Florinda Terihati** is working in the day care center for poor children in Durrës and, additionally assists in spiritual ministry and churches.

Florinda is the mother of a little daughter. When the child was only 10 days old, her husband was murdered. The reason: He had tried to mediate in a quarrel of two boys in the middle of the street. The father of one of the boys insisted on an official apology for a slap in the face of his son. This, Florinda's husband did not do - and was shot together with his brother. The young widow was expelled from the house of her parents-in-law.

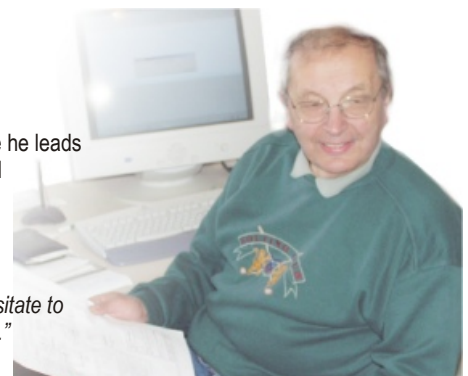
Since she decided to live as a re-born Christian, her situation has changed completely. She has not only received psychological healing and the strength to forgive, but also a working place and social security.

As a person, who had to suffer herself under injustice and social hardships, she cares full of compassion for the poor and neglected children in the day care center.

## Horst Koschmieder,

civil engineer from Görlitz/Germany, moved in summer 2001 to Buçimas/Pogradec, where he leads the Nehemia construction office. Living from his pension, he is not dependent on financial recompense for his work, but donates both - energy and expertise.

*"The reasons why I chose to work in Albania? This is easily explained: Love for challenges and adventure. A passion for meaningful and useful work. It is great to have a wife and a little daughter who share my love for mission and didn't hesitate to move with me to Pogradec. Now the three of us can serve together in this wonderful work."*





## LEADERSHIP

Leader of Nehemia Foundation Albania:  
Arnold Geiger

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I'm interested in a project partnership in the following area:

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Please send me detailed information.

I will transfer the donation of € \_\_\_\_\_

I will pay monthly the sum of € \_\_\_\_\_

I can contribute the following gifts in kind:

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I want to come on my own expenses to Albania and help practically.

I want to present the work to third persons and need information material.

I will support Nehemia in prayer and would like to receive the weekly newsletter by e-mail.

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**THANK YOU!!!**

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## LEGAL STATUS

NEHEMIA is registered as a non-profit, humanitarian foundation in Albania. Founders are the German relief organizations "NEHEMIA Christian Aid Ministries" and "Aktionskomitee für verfolgte Christen, AVC".

NEHEMIA Albania was registered on 20.02.1992 as association "NEHEMIA - SHERBESA E NDIHMESES KRISTIANE" by the Albanian Ministry of Culture.

On 01.08.1995 the legal status according to Albanian law was changed to "HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION NEHEMIA".

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