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NEHEMIA

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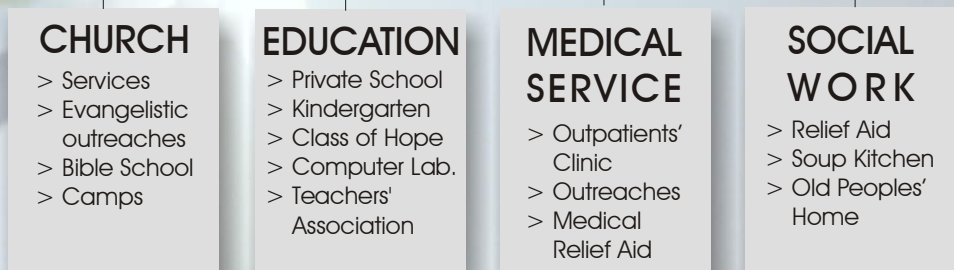
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PROJECT
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NEHEMIA FOUNDATION

Pogradec ● Durres ● Gjirokaster



Additional: General Administration in Pogradec; Information & Media Centre; Pogradec

NEHEMIA

the biblical prophet

Nehemia Foundation took its name from the biblical prophet Nehemiah, who helped to build up his country by working in the spiritual and practical realms.

Like him we have the goal to care for and to support the spiritual, mental and physical needs of the people of Albania.

This we do by two main branches of work:

1. CHURCH
2. SOCIAL & SOCIETY
 - medical service
 - social & relief work
 - education

As an Evangelical mission organization we base our doctrine on the teachings of the Bible, and are part of the International Pentecostal Movement.

foundation

the organization

Nehemia is registered as a non-profit-making, humanitarian foundation in Albania and is a branch of "NEHEMIA Christian Aid Ministries" with its centre in Nidda/Germany. Nehemia is working in almost 40 countries all over the world.

Associate organizations in Albania:

- Medizinische Nothilfe Albanien
- Christlicher Hilfsverein Wismar
- Apostolic Church of Italy

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".

ALBANIA

the country



Nehemia has been continuously present in Albania since January 1992, shortly after the strict communist dictatorship had ended.

During the unrest in March 1997 the premises of NEHEMIA were completely destroyed. Nevertheless the work went on, with many more social activities taking place than before.

Our centre is in Pogradec, a small town in the eastern part of the country, close to Lake Ohrid and the Macedonian border.

We have branches in the towns of Gjirokaster (Southern Albania) and Durres (Mediterranean Coast). In the summer of 1999 we opened a new centre in Malisheva/ Kosova.

leadership:



Arnold Geiger
President of
NEHEMIA Foundation,
Albania



Hartmut Kämmer
Leader of
the Durres branch



Brigitte Weber
Leader of
the Gjirokaster branch

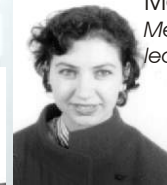
CHAIRMANSHIP



Gian Paul
Ardüser
Pastor &
General Director



Flamur
Elmasllari
General
Administrator



Manjola Dojçe
Member &
leader of social work



Artan
Shkëmbi
Member &
director of Nehemia School



Ulrich
Drechsel
Member &
leader of medical service

funds:

As a non-profit-making organization we are almost exclusively financed by voluntary donations, mainly from Christians in Germany and Switzerland.

During the Kosova crisis we got considerable financial support from the German Foreign Affairs Ministry (Arbeitsstab für Humanitäre

Hilfe) and AGRINAS. Thus, and through many additional donations from private individual and churches, we were able to care for thousands of refugees from March through July 1999.

Nehemia is acknowledged as a non-profit-making organization by the governments of Germany, Switzerland, Albania and many more.



Picture: NEHEMIA Center in Pogradec

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Picture: Sunday service in NEHEMIA Church, Pogradec

NEHEMIA CHURCH:

Evangelism and the spiritual support of the Albanian people is one of the foremost goals of NEHEMIA, and the spiritual base for our various social projects.

As an evangelical mission organization we believe and have experienced, that only a spiritual change of Albania's society according to biblical principles will bring the long-term improvement that we're working for.

NEHEMIA

- > Bases its doctrine on the teachings of the Bible
- > Is part of the International Pentecostal Movement
- > Is a member of the Evangelical Alliance in Albania (VUSH)
- > Accepts the Lausanne Covenant (1974) as a summary of its teachings and goals

We have founded churches in the Albanian towns of Pogradec, Gjirokaster, Durres and in various villages.

Kosova Refugee Project '99:

From March to July 1999 members and co-workers of NEHEMIA Church in Pogradec, as well as in Durres and Gjirokaster, cared for thousands of refugees from Kosova.

(See page 14) In these days regular activities and even church meetings were reduced to a minimum, as every hand was needed for practical help and personal care and crisis counseling for victims of the war.

1999 IN POGRADEC:

Staff:

*Pastor: Gian Paul Ardüser (Swiss)
Pastoral Assistant: Vangjush Pano (Albanian)
Leader of Children's Ministry:
Andrea Ardüser (German)
Vice-leader of Children's Ministry:
Nikana Bardho (Albanian)*

Regular meetings:

- > Sunday services (about 120 visitors)
- > Children's services (60 - 100 children)
- > Women's, men's and youth meetings
- > Bible studies for church members
- > Prayer meetings

Special:

- > Baptism of 14 people in July
- > Teenager camp in September
- > Open air services in summer
- > Daily program for children in summer
- > Christian library
- > Broadcast of Sunday services through a local TV-station (once a month)
- > Bible studies in villages
- > Conference of the Albanian Evangelical Alliance (VUSH) in NEHEMIA Centre

PLANS & VISION

- > Bible school in Pogradec
- > Intensification of village work
- > Cell group meetings
- > Different evangelistic campaigns in summer



Picture: Bible lesson for children in Nishtulla/Durrës

IN DURRES:

Staff:

Leaders: Hartmut & Astrid Kämmer (German)
Leaders of Children's Ministry: Nadire Hasa,
 Fatushe Allajbeu, Rajmonda Hada (Alb.)
Bible teacher: Kastriot Hadaj (Alb.)
Office: Erjola Allajbeu (Alb.)
Plus: 6 full-time co-workers

> NEHEMIA Church Durres works in 14 surrounding villages, mainly among children.

> We have 5 churches in the villages of Hamallaj, Rade, Sukth, Nishtulla, Keneta and Ishem.

> Every week 21 services for adults and 30 children's meetings are held.

> About 200 adults and 850 children visit the regular meetings.

> In 10 homes people meet regularly for Bible studies.

Specials 1999:

- > 115 people were baptized
- > 2 churches have been founded
- > Door-to-door visits in 6 villages and one town
- > Kosova refugee project

In December 1999 NEHEMIA bought a new building in the town of Durres, which will serve as centre for our steadily growing activities in the region.

From January 2000 a pastor and his wife from Switzerland, Wilfried & Alma Sichelschmidt, will come for long term service.

PLANS & VISION

- > New church building in the village of Sukth
- > Inauguration of the newly purchased NEHEMIA Centre in Durres
- > Church planting in Durres with many activities
- > Outreaches in every village in the district of Durres
- > Discipleship training

IN GJIROKASTER:

Staff:

Leader: Brigitte Weber (Swiss)
Pastoral assistant: Gazmend Haza (Albanian)
Bible teacher: Andrea Ledergerber (Swiss)
Teaching and spiritual counseling:
 Hans & Rosa Bellwald (Swiss)
Office: Alketa Lataj (Albanian)
Plus: 2 full-time coworkers

Regular meetings:

- > Sunday services in Gjirokaster Church
- > Services in the Old People's Home
- > Meetings for adults in 7 villages
- > Children's meetings in 8 villages

Specials 1999:

- > 30 people were baptized
- > Kosova refugee project

The office of NEHEMIA Gjirokaster has been transferred to the Old People's Home. The Old People's Home receives financial support and spiritual care for the occupants.

PLANS & VISION

- > Intensification of the work in the local Old Peoples Home, where a "Centre of Hope" will be built with a cafeteria, soup kitchen, conference centre etc.
- > Sending of Albanian missionaries abroad



Picture: Teenager meeting in Archi Lengo/Gjirokastër



Picture: Church building in the village of Stropcke (Apostolic Church)

NEHEMIA'S ASSOCIATE ORGANIZATIONS:

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Wismar*

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*CHW works in cooperation
with the United Methodist
Church*

Staff:

*Leader : Frieder Weinhold (German)
Leader of base Bishnica: Michael Hanisch (German)
Leader of children's work: Claudia Hanisch (German)
Administrator: Ylli Anastasi (Albanian)
Plus: 2 German missionaries
3 Albanian coworkers*

NEHEMIA's associate organization CHW has a team of German and Albanian co-workers stationed in the village of Bishnica (Pogradec District), where they have constructed their own church building.

In addition to the work in Bishnica CHW has started regular meetings in the villages of Jolle, Shpelle, Velcan and Buzaishtë.

Regular meetings:

- > Sunday Services
- > Children's meetings
- > Special meetings for men, women and young people

Specials 1999:

- > Baptism in June
- > Seminar for co-workers with visitors from Pogradec, Macedonia, Germany
- > Three evangelistic outreaches by teams of German students in Holtas (distr. of Gramsh)
- > Support of the Kosova refugee project

PLANS & VISION

- > Seminars for Church members
- > Concerts with a youth choir from Estonia

Apostolic Church

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Pogradec
Tel: +355 832 2558*

Staff:

*Leader: Sandro Sardella (Italian)
Leader of Children's Ministry: Luciana Sardella (Ital.)
Plus: 3 Albanian coworkers (part time)
2 short term missionaries from Italy*

The Apostolic Church is concentrating the work on three villages in the district of Pogradec: Stropcke, Bratomire and Blace.

Regular meetings:

- > Services for adults
- > Children's ministry

Specials 1999:

- > In February 1999 the Albanian branch of the Apostolic Church was accepted as full member by NEHEMIA Foundation
- > Inauguration of a church building in Stropcke on September 22, 1999
- > Kosova refugee project

PLANS & VISION

- > Building for children's ministry in a village
- > Outreaches to other villages



Picture: Village of Stropcke



NEHEMIA ADMINISTRATION

NEHEMIA Foundation's center of administration is in Pogradec:

- > General management
- > Central bookkeeping
- > Budgeting
- > Contracts
- > Public relations
- > Hospitality
- > Maintenance



Picture: NEHEMIA Staff in Pogradec



Staff:

General Administrator: Flamur Elmasllari

Jurist & leader of social work: Manjola Dojçe

Office assistant: Dajana Bega

Receptionist: Skenderia Muco

International correspondence +

Media & Information Centre: Isolde Flessa (German)

Hospitality: Esther Geiger (German)

Plus: > 3 drivers

> 2 housekeepers

> cleaner

MEDIA & INFORMATION CENTRE

The NEHEMIA Media & Information Centre is still in the initial stages.

Activities 1999

- > Production of reports
- > Layout and printing of invitations and brochures
(for NEHEMIA and other mission organizations)
- > Support of local TV station
- > Reports for international press

PLANS & VISION

> PRODUCTION

of logos, reports, photos, videos, web pages, presentation CDs etc.

(Interactive design & print design)

In April a professional video report about NEHEMIA Albania and other NGOs will be produced

> TEACHING

Desktop publishing courses, graphic & web design, video production etc.

(in cooperation with the NEHEMIA Computer Studio)

These services will be offered to churches, NGOs, local authorities and private persons in Albania.

GUESTS:

Year after year hundreds of guests visit the branches of NEHEMIA in Albania.

Short term co-workers, medical teams (of MNA), evangelization teams, guest speakers and many more find a warm reception in the mission bases.

In Pogradec alone we counted more than 2.000 overnight stays in 1999.



NEHEMIA EDUCATION



Picture: Classroom in
NEHEMIA Private School, Pogradec

PRIVATE SCHOOL

> NEHEMIA School is a private Albanian school, following the curriculum of the Albanian public schools.

> 125 pupils in 6 classes; grades 1 - 4

> At NEHEMIA Centre, Pogradec

Staff:

Director: Artan Shkëmbi

Teachers: (1999/00)

- 6 class-teachers (full time)
- 1 English teacher (full time) - YWAM
- 1 Music teacher (part time)
- 2 assistants (full time)

NEHEMIA SCHOOL offers:

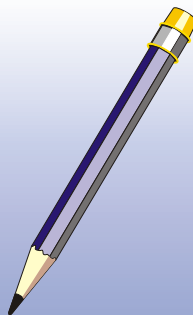
- > Menca (breakfast and lunch),
- > Schoolbus
- > Clinic (for emergency cases and check-ups)

Specials 1999:

- > All the 81 students of Shkolla Nehemia, at the end of the first school year, successfully moved on to the next grade.
- > A sports field has been built
- > The students got dental examination and treatment by German dentists
- > Div. picnics, concerts and festivities for the students and their parents

PLANS & VISION

- > Building of new, larger premises with sufficient ground for sports field and playground
- > At least two more classes for the next school year



**SHKOLLA
NEHEMIA**

Registered by the Albanian Ministry
of Education on 30.10.98
(No. 5342 prot.)

CLASS OF HOPE

> Is a special teaching programme for children from extremely poor and socially problematic families, who were not able to attend public schools.

> We help them to attain adequate skills,, knowledge and the fundamental rules of social behavior with the goal of enabling them to attend public schools and obtain a normal diploma.

- > 2 classes, 24 students
- > 1 teacher (full time)
- > 2 advisers from "Youth With A Mission"

> Classrooms are in the "Puppet Theatre" (Pogradec), which has been renovated in 1999 by AGRINAS and other mission organizations with the assistance of NEHEMIA.

> Most of the children are also taking part in our soup kitchen programme, where they get a daily meal.



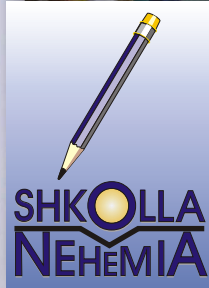
Photo: Class of Hope



NEHEMIA EDUCATION



Picture: Teaching about dental hygiene in the kindergarten in Pogradec



KINDER- GARTEN

Registered by the Albanian Ministry of Education on 23.11.99 (No. 4524 prot.)

in Pogradec:

Inauguration: October 6, 1999

Staff:

2 pre school teachers

1 assistant

> 2 groups with together 53 children

> The children get breakfast & lunch

> In the premises of the newly renovated "Puppet theatre"

DAY CARE CENTRE

in Nishtulla/Durres:

> 6 Gypsy children attend the nursery

> 11 students get care and support in addition to the lessons they receive at public school. *(Remedial lessons, assistance with homework, leisure activities etc.)*

> All the children get a daily meal

COMPUTER STUDIO

The NEHEMIA Computer Studio has existed since Sept. 1992; in this time about 700 people have achieved a diploma.

> 16 computers

> Courses in:

MS DOS

MS Windows

MS Word '97

MS Excel '97

> Last year (1999) 53 people took a diploma

In 1999 the computer studio got six fast computers, which in the future will enable us to offer courses in modern software-programs:

PLANS & VISION:

Courses in

> MS Office 2000

> Bookkeeping (Quickbooks)

> Windows NT

> Design & publishing (Corel Draw 9)*

> Video & animation*

**in cooperation with our Media & Information Centre, Pogradec*

LANGUAGE COURSES

Courses in German and English language have been offered

> in Bishnica by CHW

> in Pogradec by NEHEMIA

> in Malisheva/Kosova by NEHEMIA (only English)

TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION

> Training programme for the teachers of "Shkolla NEHEMIA"

> Regular weekly training

PLANS & VISION

Open Seminars for further education

with international guest speakers

(in cooperation with "Youth With a Mission")



Picture: "Crisis Counseling Seminar" for teachers and co-workers in the refugee project (in cooperation with Youth With a Mission)

CHW DORMITORY

In Bishnica

Background: For economical reasons schools in faraway villages were closed. As there are no roads leading to the villages, children would have to walk more than two hours daily to attend school, which in wintertime would be impossible because of snow. Therefore CHW decided to open a boarding school, where the children can live during the week and attend the public school in Bishnica.

- > 11 students
- > Full board
- > 2 apartments
(for boys and girls separately)
- > Homework assistance
- > Remedial lessons
- > Leisure activities

Additional: Guitar courses in Bishnica



Picture: School for refugees in NEHEMIA Church, Pogradec

REFUGEE PROJECT

June - July 1999:
Summer school program for children from Kosova in the premises of NEHEMIA Center in Pogradec

- > 250 students
- > Grades 1 - 4

Additional:

- > Language courses
- > Computer courses

(See page 15)

PLANS & VISION

NEHEMIA plans to structure its various activities in educational field by forming a group of advisors, whose tasks will be the following:

- > Support of the public education department
- > Support of NGOs and mission organizations
- > Improvement and development of NEHEMIA's existing educational programs

by organization of effective teaching programs.

Coordination of:

- > Seminars
- > Guest teachers
- > Teaching material and equipment etc.

The "Qendra kulturore arsimore e femijeve" (Children's Education & Culture Center) has been founded in cooperation with the Dutch mission organization AGRINAS.

AGRINAS renovated the public Puppet Theater, which had been completely destroyed during the unrest in 1997, with assistance of NEHEMIA and other organizations. For 5 years these organizations are allowed to use these new premises.

INAUGURATION: October 6, 1999

NEHEMIA runs its kindergarten, "Class of Hope" (see page 8) and language courses there.

The "Children Cultural Center" is mainly funded by AGRINAS and organized by NEHEMIA.

Activities:

- > Painting courses
- > Music & instrumental lessons
- > Traditional dance & ballet
- > Pingpong
- > Computer lessons

The traditional "Puppet Theater" also found its place again in the rooms of the renovated building.

MEDICAL SERVICE

The medical relief work of NEHEMIA is done in cooperation with our associate organization MNA (Medizinische Nothilfe Albanien), and supervised by the local health authorities. (Agreement with the local Health Department, 17.04.99)



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Leader of Medical Service: Ullrich Drechsel

Staff in out patient's clinic:

Dr. Xhemil Zgjani

Dr. Ivana Bardhi

Etleva Kallanxhi (nurse)

Aida Vako (nurse, part-time)

Plus: Voluntary medical teams from Germany

Outpatients' Clinic:

In the outpatients' clinic in NEHEMIA Center Pogradec two doctors examine and treat patients (part time). Two nurses are caring for patients with minor wounds. Our medical personnel is on call for emergency cases in our private school and other work branches.

In 1999 an ultrasound scanner and an electrocardiogram were bought.

The clinic is also the base and organizational centre for outreaches of German medical teams. German doctors see patients there.

In summer 1999 MNA opened another branch in Malisheva/Kosova at the new NEHEMIA Centre there.

Activities: > A Swiss nurse (full time) cares for patients
> Support of local hospital with high quality surgery tools
> Reconstruction of outpatients' clinics
> A physiotherapist (short -time) treated patients



Activities 1999:

Main activities: Medical care for refugees from Kosova (see pages 15 + 18)

About 50 people from Germany formed 14 teams for voluntary medical outreaches in Pogradec.

Among them:

nurses, physiotherapist and 14 doctors (Surgeons, gynaecologist, paediatricist, internist, psychologist, neurologist, dentists.),

In addition to the care for refugees they examined and treated patients

> from Pogradec and surrounding villages

> pupils from Nehemia School (dental treatment)

> Nehemia Soup Kitchen (dental treatment)

Two mobile clinic containers, loaned by the Swiss Helimission, served as additional examination and treatment rooms.

Additional medical relief aid:

> Organization and funding of operations abroad for refugees and Albanians

> Support of the local hospital with

- Medicine

- Ultrasound scanner

- Bed for physiotherapy

Plus: Medicine for the university clinic in Tirana

PLANS & VISION

> Intensification of medical education, esp. for physiotherapy, dental medicine & hygiene and gynaecology

> Courses (in-country and abroad) for our staff, personnel of the Old People's Home in Gjirokaster and others

> Pharmacy

> Outreaches in villages

> German dentist for long term service



NEHEMIA SOCIAL WORK



Picture: Children in the Soup Kitchen, Pogradec

SOUP KITCHEN

in Pogradec

- > The NEHEMIA Soup Kitchen feeds 45 children daily, who are orphans or who come from extremely poor families.
- > The children received dental treatment.
- > They get the opportunity to attend the "Class of Hope" (see page 8), a special education programme.
- > Daily devotions, songs and activities bring a little joy in their hard lives.
- > Sponsor: Jesus Gemeinde Sohland (Germany)

PLANS & VISION:

- > Soup kitchen in Gjirokaster



Picture: Canteen kitchen in NEHEMIA Center/Pogradec

In our canteen kitchen three cooks prepare daily meals for

- > soup kitchen (45)
- > students (125)
- > co-workers (about 15)

The kitchen is also used by "Living Waters Ministries" - a mission organization which runs a feeding programme for 450 children in the village of Rodokal.

OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

in Gjirokaster

- > The Old Peoples' Home in Gjirokaster received every month financial support for purchasing food.
- > During the refugee project 15 people from Kosova, who stayed in the premises of the Old People's home, received full support from NEHEMIA.
- > NEHEMIA's co-workers care personally for the occupants of the Old People's home through visits, organization of excursions etc.
- > The NEHEMIA office in Gjirokaster moved to the premises of the Old Peoples Home in Summer 99.

Due to administrative problems, the contract with the appropriate Albanian authorities could not be signed yet. We hope to accomplish this in March 2000. From then on, the Old People's home will receive a considerable monthly financial support. Our staff, who is present full time, will supervise the work and give support in organization, medical training, accountant's training etc.

- > Official Inauguration: March 2000 (planned)



PLANS & VISION

- > Creation of a "Centre of Hope" with cafeteria, soup kitchen, conference centre etc.
- > Orphanage for teenagers, who have to leave public orphanages at the age of 15
- > Kindergarten
- > Regular medical examination and treatment for the occupants by German medical teams.

Support of HANDICAPPED PEOPLE

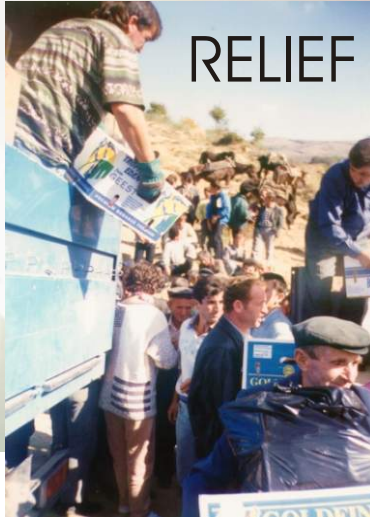
> Individual care for handicapped children in Bishnica and Velcan by the German pre school teacher Ulrike Hermann (CHW)

- > Apartment in NEHEMIA Centre, Pogradec, for handicapped person (rent-free).



NEHEMIA SOCIAL WORK

RELIEF AID



POGRADEDEC:

SUPPORT OF PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS:

- > Distribution of 3.816 family parcels (food and clothes) in villages in the district.
- > Distribution of relief aid (450 parcels) for poor families in the town of Pogradec (food, clothes, beds)
- > Financial support for operations and medical treatment (2 eye operations, 2 cases of cancer, 1 support for dialysis)



SUPPORT OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES:

- > Police station:
 - 40 typewriters
 - Beds and mattresses
 - Blankets
 - Chairs and tables
 - Food
- > Public water enterprise
 - Jackets
 - Motor pump (with generator)
 - Beds and blankets
 - 1 Computer
- > Military base:
 - Beds
 - Blankets
 - Bed sheets
- > Regional council: 1 computer
- > Tax office: 1 computer
- > Town archive:
 - 1 computer + 1 printer
- > Office for privatization of apartments: 1 computer

- > Education department:
 - Typewriters
- > Commune of Bilisht: Typewriters
- > Konfederata: Typewriters (Together: 120 typewriters, donated by the Land of the FRG Nordrhein-Westfalen)
- > Telecom: Jackets (7 boxes)
- > Sewage enterprise: Jackets
- > Electric enterprise: 63 Jackets
- > Stadium: Tables, chairs, lawn-mower
- > HOSPITAL POGRADEC
 - Beds and mattresses for the paediatric dept.
 - Bed sheets
 - Hospital beds
 - 110 high quality mattresses (see also p.11)

- > SCHOOLS:
 - Support of 7 schools with:
 - chairs and tables
 - typewriters
 - paper

Our house in the village of Malin was made available for the local elementary school. (Agreement with the Education Department and the Commune of Trebinje)

OTHERS:

- > Sports club: Uniforms
- > Radio station in Librazhd:
 - Radio equipment
- > Local TV station: Financial support, 1 computer
- > A local enterprise:
 - 2 lawn-mowers and uniforms
- > Customs agency: Typewriters

Staff:

Leader of NEHEMIA social work:
Manjola Dojçe
Plus: 3 storemen
1 social worker (part time)

CHW Bishnica:

Assistant: Jürgen Rohloff (German)

In 1999 our main activities in relief aid were during the Kosova refugee projects (see pages 14 - 18), when all the co-workers and missionaries of NEHEMIA and its associate organizations were engaged in the care of thousands of refugees.

DURRES:

In the village of Hamallaj:

- > The public school in Hamallaj received new furniture.
- > 1.000 school bags have been distributed to the students.
- > Distribution of food and clothes for church members.

CHW BISHNICA:

- > In July 700 family parcels were distributed in the district of Gramsh.
- > In October a school in Velçan received furniture and typewriters.

MALISHEVA /

KOSOVA: (see p. 18)

- > Distribution of food, clothes, hygienic articles etc.
- > Roof building project
- > Ambulance car (donated by the German town of Buchholz)

PLANS & VISION

- > Further support of institutions and private individuals in need.
- > Support of schools with furniture, typewriters and writing material
- > Physical and spiritual care for old or handicapped people (relief aid, medical home visits etc.)

March - August 1999

KOSOVA REFUGEE PROJECTS



Picture: Grandfather and grandson in one of our collective centers in Pogradec

THE CHALLENGE:

In March 1999 Albanians faced a serious crisis: Hundreds of thousands of Albanians had to leave their country as refugees, and poured into Albania - a country which itself is struggling with poverty and still suffers from the destructions wrought in 1997, when most of the public buildings were destroyed.

Overnight all over Albania churches, mission organizations and Christian humanitarian organizations started to cooperate, developing effective emergency plans to care for the refugees. Their often profound experience with relief work in Albania, motivated co-workers and hundreds of devoted church members formed a very effective workgroup.

In Tirana the "Crisis Centre" was founded by AEP (Albanian Encouragement Project) and VUSH (Evangelical Alliance of Albania), which helped to coordinate the projects on a national level.

NEHEMIA was part of this "task force", and started refugee projects in Pogradec, Dures and Gjirokastr, always in cooperation with other Christian organizations.

As virtually every hand was needed to meet the needs of thousands of people, NEHEMIA and its associate organizations CHW, MNA and Apostolic Church reduced their regular activities to a minimum, and most of the co-workers from the different work branches were full-time engaged in the refugee project.

Pictures: Families in our collective centres



As in March the temperatures in Albania are often below zero degree Celsius and with no public buildings available where refugees could live, not to speak of the sanitary conditions, church buildings served as temporary camps, while private buildings were rented and public buildings renovated as fast as possible to serve as long term camps for the refugees.

The most urgent needs we had to take care of were:

- > Mattresses and blankets
- > Housing facilities
- > Hygiene
(Sanitary conditions, hygienic articles)
- > Clothes
- > Food
- > Medical Care
- > Counseling and psychological care
- > School and education

Many special donations from all over the world and financial support from the German Foreign Affairs Ministry (Arbeitsstab für Humanitäre Hilfe) and AGRINAS enabled us to cover the huge additional expenses required for this project. Material support by the German "Bundesamt für Zivilschutz" (beds, mattresses blankets) met urgent needs.

Many helpers came from Germany, Switzerland, Romania, USA and many more countries and gave practical assistance in various ways.

We want to thank all our donors and helpers for their wonderful support, also in the name of our guests from Kosova, who really very much appreciated our help.

KOSOVA REFUGEE PROJECT Pogradec

AT A GLANCE:



Picture: Nehemia Church In Pogradec as a refugee camp

The refugee project in Pogradec was done in close cooperation with PEP (*Pogradec Encouragement Project*), a cooperation of mission organizations and evangelical churches working in Pogradec.

Members of PEP:

- > NEHEMIA Foundation & associate organizations (MNA, CHW, Apostolic Church)
- > Agrinas
- > Bible Way Church
- > Living Water Ministries - Adopt A Child
- > Youth With A Mission

➤ **ARRIVAL**
of the first refugees in Pogradec: March 31

➤ **FIGURES:**
People in 6 NEHEMIA/PEP camps:
March 31: 87 pers.
April 31: 1,216 pers.
May 31: 1,345 pers.
June 28: 784 pers.

➤ **ADDITIONAL:**
925 persons in host families, who got support by NEHEMIA/PEP

➤ **RETURN**
From July 3rd NATO helicopters transported the refugees to Kukës (Northern Albania), from where they were brought to Kosova.

Supplies & service including:

- Camp equipment
- Food
- Hygienic articles
- Medical care
- Registration
- School
- Further Education
- Day Care and more.

COLLECTIVE CENTRES:

NEHEMIA/PEP established six collective centres in Pogradec. In contrast to other Albanian towns the local authorities gave the entire organization of the refugee project into the hands of PEP. (*Agreement with the town-council of Pogradec, 29.04.1999*)

The premises of NEHEMIA Centre served as a "reception camp", where up to 250 refugees were welcomed and supported for some days, until other centres were equipped and made ready to move into. At NEHEMIA Centre they got medical treatment as well as warm food, the possibility to do their laundry, make telephone calls etc.

Every person got a mattress, blankets, plates and silverware, clothes, shoes and hygienic articles.

NEHEMIA/PEP rented an empty factory building and other premises and transformed them into collective centres. Military buildings, which were in very bad condition, were renovated and proper sanitary installations added. Kitchens were established in every centre, along with playgrounds, additional toilets and showers etc.

SERVICES

offered by NEHEMIA/PEP:

- > Medical care by German teams & local co-workers
- > School (250 students, grades 1-4)
- > Further education (Computer + language courses)
- > Day Care for children
- > First Aid + emergency training
- > Crisis counseling seminar
- > Sports activities

TRANSPORT & RELIEF

until 23.06.99



Storage and relief trucks

➤ number of transport:	45 trucks
➤ relief goods:	
total weight:	588 tons
total value:	1,077,000 DM
➤ food	
daily consumption:	1,000 kg
➤ medicine:	2,000 kg
medical material for	450,000 DM

CAMPS



NEHEMIA Centre

Responsible: NEHEMIA



"Trikotazhi"

Responsible: AGRINAS

KOSOVA REFUGEE PROJECT Pogradec Impressions



"Kavalicenca"

Responsible: YWAM and Bible Way Church



"Military Camp"

Responsible: Apostolic Church

LIFE IN THE CENTRES



SCHOOL & LEISURE



MEDICAL CARE



RETURN TO KOSOVA





K O S O V A R E F U G E E P R O J E C T S in DURRES & GJIROKASTER

DURRES:

REFUGEE PROJECT:

- In cooperation with three other churches NEHEMIA Durres established a collective centre for 400 people in the town of Shijak
- About 800 refugees in host families in Durres got basic supplies (Food, clothes, hygienic articles etc.)
- A camp kitchen in Tirana got 15 tons of food
- Another collective centre for 180 persons was built for long-term shelter in cooperation with the organization A.M.E.N. Due to the quick return of the refugees, however, no refugees were received there.

AID FOR KOSOVA:

- Two trucks with 8 tons of food and 800 kg of literature were brought to Prishtina and distributed in cooperation with the local evangelical church (which had been supported by NEHEMIA for many years).
- 1 minibus was donated to a church.
- A truck (7,5 to.) was donated to the evangelical church in Prishtina

GJIROKASTER:

REFUGEE PROJECT:

- NEHEMIA Gjirokaster and "AEM", a local evangelical church, formed the "Komuniteti Ungjillore" with the goal to support refugees from Kosova.
- The "Komuniteti Ungjillore" cared for about 220 people with food and other needed supplies in two collective centres.
- NEHEMIA took over the responsibility for about 90 people, some of them living in host families, some in collective centres.
- 15 people living in the local Old People's Home got full support.
- Villages and camps got non-regular support with food.

In Gjirokaster the refugees arrived end of April, and returned by bus in August 1999.

AID FOR KOSOVA:

The co-workers of NEHEMIA Gjirokaster try to keep in contact with the people who returned to their homes, and help individually by financial aid and, if needed, by establishing contacts to existing churches and relief organizations.

NEHEMIA KOSOVA Malisheva



Picture: The new NEHEMIA Centre in Malisheva/Kosova

After almost all of the refugees had returned from Albania to their destroyed home country, NEHEMIA decided to follow them, start new projects there and help actively in rebuilding the country of Kosova, where already for many years NEHEMIA had supported local churches.

A new NEHEMIA centre in Malisheva /Kosova was founded.

We chose Malisheva, a region which for a long time has belonged to one of the poorest areas in Kosova, and which suffered severely during the time of war. More than 90 % of the houses were destroyed and many people died during the fighting.

We were given the premises of an old agricultural building for our disposal, where we established our base with quarters for the staff and a big storage space for relief goods and building material. Missionaries from Albania, Switzerland and Germany moved in - though the lack of electricity, water and the presence of a lot of rodents make life there not very easy.

The foremost need was the rebuilding of houses and roofs before wintertime. NEHEMIA started a roof building project, and had repaired 100 roofs by Dec. 99 in surrounding villages. In cooperation with the local authorities and with the help of a local engineer we checked the living conditions of families, calculated the needed building material, purchased the material and had it brought to our centre. There the families picked up the material and repaired their homes themselves.

In addition to the building project, we distributed relief to families in neighbouring villages, and started with church meetings, home visits and personal spiritual care (crisis counseling) for many people.

MNA started their own project there:

- > Support of a local hospital
- > A nurse continuously cared for patients
- > A physiotherapist treated patients (*short-term*)

(See also page 11)

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Staff (until Dec. 1999)
Leader of practical work: Bruno Wacker (Swiss)
Leader of spiritual work: Genci Poce (Albanian)
Missionary & Co-leader: Klaus Püplichuisen (German)
Plus: 1 Kosovar engineer
3 Albanian co-workers
7 Kosovar workers

From January 2000 the work in Malisheva will be an independent branch of NEHEMIA with no more administrative links to NEHEMIA Albania.
Leader: Klaus Püplichuisen

PROJECTS: SPIRITUAL CARE

- > Home bible studies
- > Services at the NEHEMIA Centre
- > Home visits
- > Crisis counseling

ROOF BUILDING PROJECT

- > 100 roofs by Dec. '99
- > Building material for 50 roofs
- > mainly in two villages
- > *Special donations by:*
Virginia Mennonite Board of Missions
and many more

DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF AID

(Together about 20 truck loads)

- > Food
- > Clothes and shoes
- > Beds and blankets
- > Household articles
- > Hygiene buckets (2 containers)
- > Ambulance car

EDUCATION:

- > English courses

The logo consists of a yellow circle containing the letters 'C' and 'D' in blue, with a red cross-like shape overlaid on them.

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FINANCIAL
REPORT
1999

Independent Auditor's Report

I have audited the accompanying balance sheet of NEHEMIA Foundation as of 31 December 1999 and the related Income and Expense statement for the year then ended. The financial statements are the responsibility of NEHEMIA Foundation's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. These standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of NEHEMIA Foundation at 31 December 1999 and the result of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

09.02.00
Pogradec

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michelle Mann, CPA".

Michelle Mann, CPA