

NEHEMIA ALBANIA 1998

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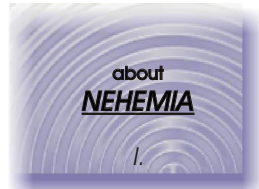


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NEHEMIA FOUNDATION

Pogradec ● Durres ● Gjirokaster





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NEHEMIA ALBANIA

is a branch of
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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, has
been changed to HUMANITARIAN
FOUNDATION "NEHEMIA".

FACTS

> We took our name from the
biblical prophet Nehemia, who
helped to build up his country by
working in spiritual and practical
realm.

> We are a branch of the German
Pentecostal Assemblies (BFP).
NEHEMA has activities in more than
50 countries around the world.

> Our first visit to Albania with relief
trucks was in May 1991. We were
welcomed personally by the
Minister of Health; it was the first
relief transport to Albania.

> We have been present in Albania
since January 1992, our center is in
Pogradec.

> Nehemia Albania has started
branches in Durres and Gjirokaster.

> Associate organizations
*(accepted as full members
in February 1998):*

MNA (Medizinische Nothilfe Albanien)
CHW (Christlicher Hilfsverein Wismar)

GOALS OF NEHEMIA

Our goal is to care for and support
the spiritual, mental and physical
needs of the people of Albania.

This is done by two branches of work

1. CHURCH

In the towns of Pogradec,
Gjirokaster and Durres we
have founded Churches,
which have also assemblies in
many villages. As an
Evangelical Church we base
our doctrine on the teachings
of the Bible, and are a
member of the Albanian
Evangelical Alliance (VUSh).

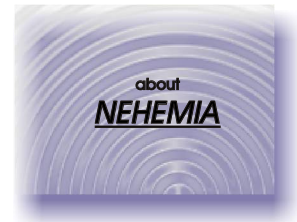
2. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

By various social activities we
try to meet the needs of the
people of Albania and give
help and support as
effectively as possible.

Main branches:

- MEDICAL SERVICE
- SOCIAL and RELIEF WORK
- EDUCATION

FUNDS



The work of Nehemia is almost exclusively financed by voluntary donations, mainly from Christians in Germany and Switzerland.

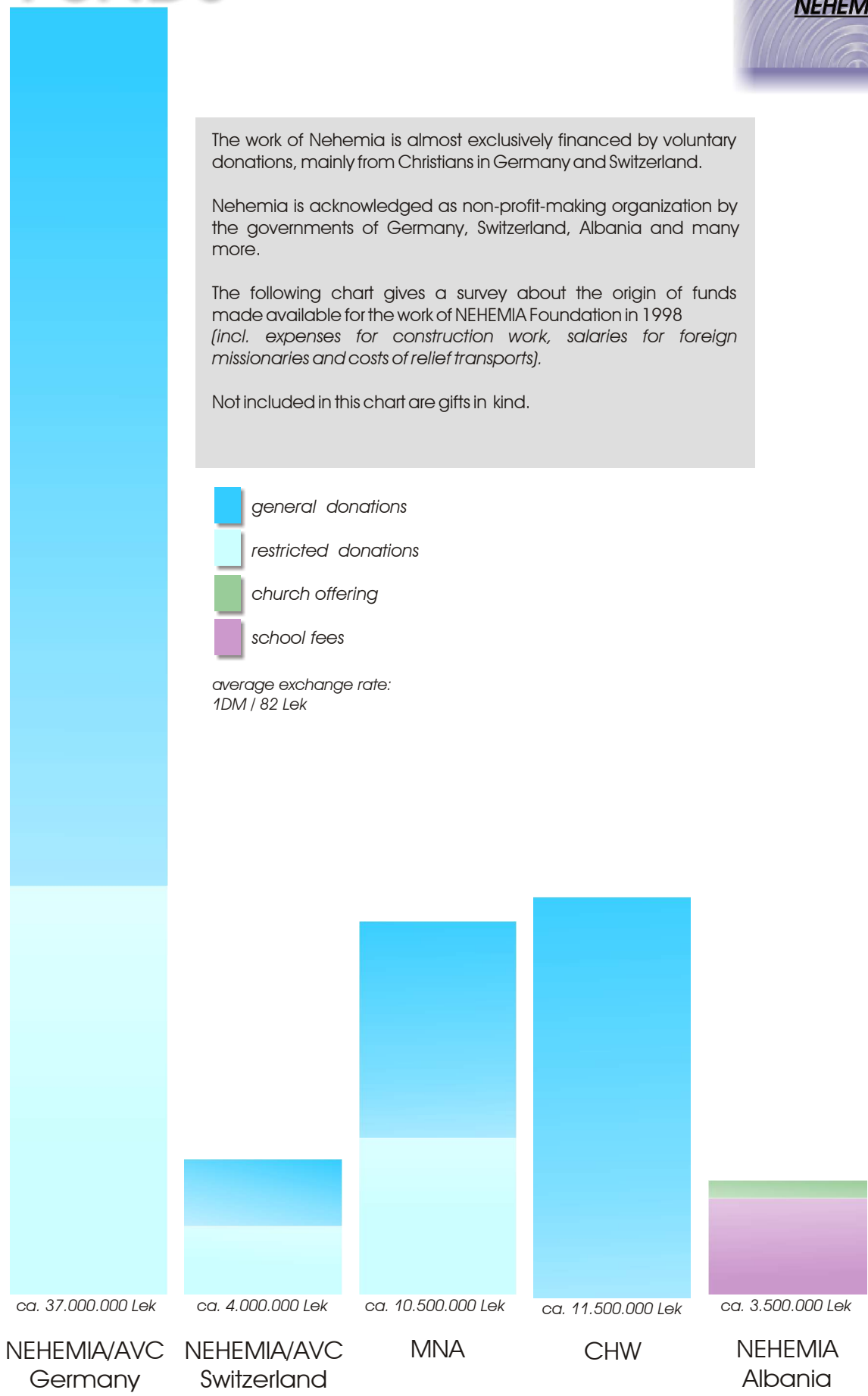
Nehemia is acknowledged as non-profit-making organization by the governments of Germany, Switzerland, Albania and many more.

The following chart gives a survey about the origin of funds made available for the work of NEHEMIA Foundation in 1998 (incl. expenses for construction work, salaries for foreign missionaries and costs of relief transports).

Not included in this chart are gifts in kind.

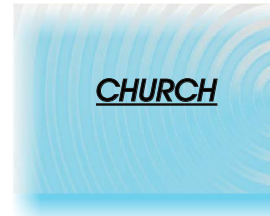
- general donations
- restricted donations
- church offering
- school fees

average exchange rate:
1DM / 82 Lek



NEHEMIA CHURCH

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



ACTIVITIES 1998

POGRADEEC



address:
QENDRA NEHEMIA
POGRADEEC
Pastor: Gian Paul Ardüser
Tel: +355 832 2361
e-mail: NehemiaPG@maf.org

Regular weekly meetings:

- > Sunday services (*about 110 adult visitors*)
- > Sunday services for children (*about 80 children taking part*)
- > Bible studies in Pogradec
- > Bible studies in the village of Malin

February 98:

Gian Paul Ardüser took over the leadership of Nehemia Church in Pogradec, assisted by his wife Andrea (leader of children's ministry)

March/April 98:

Home-study bible school for church members (*six weeks*)

July 98:

Inauguration of the new NEHEMIA CENTER in Pogradec + evangelistic week together with an outreach team from NEHEMIA Germany & Switzerland

August/Sept. 98:

Youth Camps in the premises of NEHEMIA CENTER in cooperation with YWAM Altensteig (Germany) and YWAM Tirana (Discipleship Training School)

September 98:

Baptism (*17 people*)

October 98:

A Christian library has been opened

December 98:

Christmas programme for Church members, students of Shkolla Nehemia & their families, children

Evangelistic concert in the Cultural House Pogradec (*organized in cooperation with "Bible Way Church", Pogradec*)

PLANS & VISION

- > Extension of village work
- > Work with cell groups
- > Street evangelism
- > Discipleship Training School in summer with YWAM Albania

GJIROKASTER



CHURCH

address:
NEHEMIA GJIROKASTER
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Leader: Brigitte Weber
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Regular weekly meetings:

- > in Gjirokaster
- > in four villages
- > in the local Old People's Home

About 50 adults and 100 children attend the weekly meetings, as do about 40 occupants and coworkers of the Old People's Home in Gjirokaster.

April-May 98:

Evangelistic meetings in Gjirokaster and villages.

May 98:

Nehemia moved into new premises (rented) in the Dunavat quarter in Gjirokaster.

August 98:

Discipleship Training School (four weeks) in cooperation with other local churches. 24 people took part.

September 98:

Medical outreaches of MNA teams were supported by church members and coworkers.

December 98:

Christmas programme in the villages.

PLANS & VISION

- > Regular meetings in two more villages
- > Intensification of work in Old People's Home
- > Discipleship Training School in Summer
- > Radio broadcasting
- > A family from Switzerland will come as long-term coworkers

DURRES



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Durres
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Regular weekly meetings:

- > in nine villages around Durres
- > about 140 adults attend the meetings
- > children's work is done in 11 villages with about 450 visitors per week
- > an outreach team (3 coworkers) does home-visits in the villages

NEHEMIA owns two small church buildings in villages (Durres District)

May 98:

Medical outreaches of MNA team got support by prayer teams and counsellors

July 98:

Evangelistic outreaches in villages together with a team from NEHEMIA Germany & Switzerland

November 98:

Concert in the High School in Manz

PLANS & VISION

- > Evangelistic outreaches in villages and towns
- > Concerts in villages
- > Youth Camps

CHW BISHNICA



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Leader: Frieder Weinhold
In Bishnica:
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NEHEMIA's associate organization CHW (*Christlicher Hilfsverein Wismar*) has a team of German and Albanian coworkers permanently stationed in the village of Bishnica (*Pogradec District*), where they have constructed their own church building.

Regular weekly meetings:

- > Sunday services in three villages
- > Special meetings for men, women and young people
- > Children's ministry in Bishnica (*5 meetings per week*)
- > Children's ministry in Jolle (*once a week*)

February 98:

Two weeks Bible school for Christians in Bishnica and Jolle.

May 98:

Christians from Bishnica and Jolle took part in the "March for Jesus" in Tirana.

July 98:

Official inauguration of the Bishnica Church and the baptism of 25 people.

PLANS & VISION

- > Camps for young people and Church members
- > Intensification of work in Holtas
- > Rooms for a youth club will be built

FURTHER PLANS

Intensive cooperation with the "Apostolic Church" of Italy, who applied for membership in the Nehemia Foundation and have been accepted as full members in February 99.

They have three Italian coworkers living in Pogradec, their main area of work being the villages Stropcke and Bratomire (Pogradec District).





NEHEMIA SCHOOL
at Qendra Nehemia
Pogradec
leader: Artan Shkemi
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EDUCATION
Private School
Computer Studio
Language Courses
in process:
Kindergarten,
Information- and
Publishing Center

PRIVATE SCHOOL

- > September 13, 1998:
INAUGURATION of Shkolla Nehemia
- > Shkolla Nehemia was registered by the Albanian
Ministry of Education on 30.10.98 (Nr. 5342 prot).
- > Shkolla Nehemia is a private Albanian school,
following the curriculum of the Albanian Public Schools.
- > Shkolla Nehemia started with 81 pupils in 4 classes,
grades 1 - 3

Staff:

- > Artan Shkemi (*director*)
- > four teachers (*full time*)
- > two part-time teachers for music and foreign languages

Mensa:

Every student gets a small breakfast.
For a small extra charge supper and a voluntary afternoon
programme, in which now all of the pupils take part, are offered.

Schoolbus:

The NEHEMIA Schoolbus offers safe transport of the students to
and from school.

Clinic:

The nurse and doctor of the NEHEMIA Clinic are present for First Aid
in emergency cases, but also for the treatment of minor wounds
and sicknesses.

Medical Examination:

Each child regularly receives a thorough medical examination
and medical check-ups.

Special Donations:

- > Complete sports uniform for every child (*sponsored by adidas*).
- > High quality writing material (pencil cases) for every student.

PLANS & VISION

- > At least one more class for the next school year.
- > A sports field and a playground will be built.



COMPUTER STUDIO

After the inauguration of the NEHEMIA Center in Pogradec our computer studio was transferred from a local High School (where it had been operating for several years) to the Center.

7 computers are in use
(10 more will be installed in 1999)

Courses are offered for:

- > Pupils of a local High School
- > Officials
- > Private students

In 1998 86 private students received training and a diploma.

LANGUAGE COURSES

The facilities of the NEHEMIA Center have been used for various language courses.

In the village of Bishnica CHW offered English classes and German lessons (all free of charge).

In addition to that, CHW started remedial courses for primary pupils.

TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION

Teachers of "Shkolla Nehemia" receive monthly training.

In August a one-week seminary took place.
Speaker: Mark Wilson from University of the Nations
Subject: Education from Christian View

In the future the Teacher's Association will offer every three months open seminars for further education.

Written material and courses will be published by the Nehemia Publishing and Information Center.

OTHERS

The facilities of the NEHEMIA Center were used by the Pogradec Education Department for different events, such as conferences and public meetings.

PLANS & VISION

- > Nehemia will start a Publishing and Information Center.
- > In Durres a kindergarten project for Gypsy children will be started.
- > German teachers will work long term in "Shkolla Nehemia" and offer German and English language courses.
- > Courses for computer network training and graphic design will be offered.

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Publishing Center



The medical relief work of NEHEMIA Albania is done in cooperation with our associate organization MNA (*Medizinische Nothilfe Albanien*), and supervised by the local Health Authorities.

Staff:

- > Etleva Kallanxhi (*nurse*) - full time
- > Dr. Xhemil Zgjani (*doctor*) - part time
- > Ullrich Drechsel (*leader and coordinator*) plus voluntary staff (*doctors, nurses*) from Germany



ACTIVITIES 1998

CLINIC

In the out-patient's clinic in the new NEHEMIA CENTER in Pogradec our nurse is continuously caring for patients with minor wounds, esp. burns, and is on call for emergency cases in our private school.

Since October 1998 a doctor examines patients there once a day.

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

OUTREACHES

As usual German medical teams organized outreaches to Albanian towns and villages, examining and treating patients there. The teams, mainly doctors and nurses, work voluntarily for NEHEMIA.

Spring 98: A team of 17 people worked for 8 weeks

- in villages in the Pogradec district
- in villages near Durres
- in the NEHEMIA clinic in Pogradec

Autumn 98: A team of 11 people worked for 6 weeks

- in villages near Gjirokaster
- in the Old People's Home in Gjirokaster
- in villages near Pogradec
- in villages in the Korca District
- in the NEHEMIA clinic

MEDICAL RELIEF AID

DIALYSIS MACHINES

In January 1998 four dialysis machines were donated to the University Hospital in Tirana

OPHTHALMOLOGICAL MACHINES

Machines for ophthalmological examination and diagnosis were loaned to an ophthalmologist in Korca

VITAMIN D-3 PROPHYLAXIS

The programme for vitamin D-3 prophylaxis in cooperation with the Public Health Office in Pogradec has been continued

MEDICINES

The hospital in Pogradec received donations of medicine

PLANS & VISION

- > Support of a local physiotherapist, teaching and care for patients.
- > Full time presence of doctors in the NEHEMIA clinic.
- > Special outreaches by dentists and gynaecologists.





SOUP KITCHEN

in Pogradec

- > The NEHEMIA Soup Kitchen fed 30 - 40 children daily, who were orphans or who come from extremely poor families.
- > A hygiene programme includes handwashing, dental hygiene and an occasional hair wash.
- > The children received regular medical examinations.
- > Sponsor: Jesus Gemeinde Sohland/Germany

PLANS & VISION

- > Remedial courses for primary pupils
- > Kindergarten and preparation for school

SUPPORT OF OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

in Gjirokaster

The public Old People's Home in Gjirokaster received:

- > Financial support for purchasing food
- > Relief aid (furniture, clothes)

Several excursions for the occupants were organized, and by regular church services and personal visits we meet the spiritual needs of the old or handicapped people there.

PLANS & VISION

- > Intensification of work in the Old People's Home



RELIEF AID

Support of SCHOOLS

In August 98 NEHEMIA/AVC Switzerland sent a truck with
school furniture, plain paper etc.

The items were used for equipping

- > Shkolla Nehemia in Pogradec
- > a public school in Gjirokaster
- > a public school in Pogradec

Our house in the village of Malin (Pogradec Distr.) was made available for the local elementary school (free of charge).

CHW (an associate organization of Nehemia Albania) supported schools in Bishnica with:

- > Funds for furniture
- > Blackboard
- > Renewal of electrical installations
- > Writing material
- > Toys and teaching material for the local kindergarten

in Jolle, Shpelle and Holtas with:

- > Repair of broken windows
- > Writing material

Support of PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

- > Typewriters and office material for the municipal administration of Velçan (by CHW)
- > CHW repaired the roof of the hospital in Bishnica
- > Ambulance car for the hospital in Pogradec (by MNA)
- > Vehicle (Lada) for the police in Pogradec (by CHW)

Support of KOSOVO REFUGEES

In cooperation with

- > **VUSH** (*Evangelical Alliance in Albania*) and
- > **AEP** (*Albanian Encouragement Project*)

Nehemia brought relief aid for the refugees from Kosovo to the Tropoje region.

The truck of NEHEMIA Germany brought 20 tons of clothing which were transported to Tirana, reloaded there on smaller trucks and brought to Bajram Curri, where the VUSH/AEP Staff organized the distribution.



RELIEF AID

Support of **PEOPLE In NEED**



by CHW:

- > CHW distributed family parcels and food in the villages of Velçan, Laktesh, Jolle, Shpelle, Pleshisht, Bishnica and Holtas (*Gramsh District*).
- > Support of farmers by granting interest-free loans for the purchase of seed potatoes.
- > Emergency transports of sick people from Bishnica to the hospital in Pogradec.

by NEHEMIA:

- Support of families in special need by donation of
- > clothes
 - > food
 - > finances
 - > medicines
- Practical help for farmers (sowing, ploughing) and for families.

Support of **HANDICAPPED PEOPLE**

- > Individual care for handicapped people in Bishnica and Jolle (by CHW).
- > Apartment in Nehemia Center for handicapped person (rent-free).

PLANS & VISION

- > Further support of public institutions and private individuals in need.
- > CHW plans to do at least two relief transports with - family parcels
- school furniture
- > Extension of support for Old People's Home in Gjirokaster.
- > Transport with school furniture for a school in Hamalay (Durrës Distr.) by Nehemia Switzerland.

NEHEMIA CENTER

- POGRADEC -

QENDRA NEHEMIA POGRADEC



Inauguration: July 17th 1998

Construction work was started in April 1997, shortly after the destruction of all premises of NEHEMIA (as were: soup kitchen, bakery, carpentry, car repair shop, container park, clinic and bible school), during the countrywide unrest of spring '97.

After only 15 months the work was finished, the inauguration of the new Nehemia Center took place in July '98.

Qendra Nehemia is base and center of the Nehemia Foundation, housing the following premises:

- > big hall
for 400 people
- > sound studio
- > school
with 4 classrooms
- > computer studio
- > office
- > clinic
- > canteen kitchen
- > dining room
for 140 people
- > apartment
for handicapped people
- > apartment

Land: 4.200 m²
Building: 1.000 m²

The canteen kitchen of Qendra Nehemia is also used by "Living Waters Ministry", a mission organization which runs a feeding program for 450 children in the village of Rodokal.

Just like Nehemia they lost all their own premises in March '97.

POGRADEEC

Flamur Elmasllari
(administrator)

Manjola Dojçe
*(jurist,
leader of social work)*

Etleva Kallanxhi
(nurse)

Skenderia Muco
(receptionist)

Thimika Nako
(cook)

Vasilika Dymishi
(cook)

Ajet Abrashi
(driver)

STAFF

GJIROKASTER

Gazmend Hasa
(coworker)

DURRES

Kudrejt Allajbeu
(driver & practical work)

Fatushe Allajbeu
(work with children)

Ibrahim Hasa
(driver & practical work)

Nadire Hasa
(work with children)

Erjola Allajbeu
(office)

CHW BISHNICA

Ylli Anastasi
(administrator)

Majlinda Prifti
(children's and youth work)

Majlinda Mezi
(interpreter)

NEHEMIA SCHOOL POGRADEEC

Artan Shkempi
(director)

Fatbardha Icka
(teacher: class 3)

Lumturie Kreci
(teacher: class 1)

Lumturie Shkempi
(teacher: class 2)

Eva Keci
(teacher: class 1)

Luiza Elmasllari
(teacher: foreign languages)

Zhuljeta Qyshkollari
*(teacher: music, part-time)
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PART TIME COWORKERS

Dr. Xhemil Zgjani
(medical treatment)

Elena Nica
(cleaning)

Vasil Petani
(computer courses)



STAFF

POGRADEEC



Arnold Geiger
(field director)



Esther Geiger
(care for guests)



with Linda, Eva,
Samuel and Luisa
(pupils)



Isolde Flessa
*(teacher &
graphic design)*

Gian Paul Ardüser
(pastor)

Andrea Ardüser
(children's ministry)

**FOREIGN
COWORKERS**

GJIROKASTER



Brigitte Weber
*(leader of Nehemia
- branch Gjirokaster)*



Andrea Ledergerber
(coworker)

DURRES

Hartmut Kämmer
*(leader of Nehemia
- branch Durres)*



Astrid Kämmer
(coworker)



MEDICAL SERVICE

Ullrich Drechsel
(leader of MNA)



CHW BISHNICA

Michael Hanisch
(leader station Bishnica)

Claudia Hanisch
(children's & women's work)

Jürgen Rohloff
(practical work)

Ulrike Hermann
(coworker)



Independent Accountant's Report

I have reviewed the Statement of Income and Expense and the Balance Sheet and have the opinion that it presents fairly in all material respects the results of Nehemia's activities for the fiscal year ending 31 December 1998 and financial position at that date.

I have also reviewed Nehemia's financial reporting practices and have made recommendations in the application of accounting standards. I additionally conducted a limited evaluation of internal control procedures and made recommendations.



Michelle Mann, CPA
Pogradec
8 February 1999



**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

03/27/99

**NEHEMIA ALBANIA
Profit and Loss
January 1 through December 31, 1998**

	<u>Jan 1 – Dec 31, '99</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Total Church Offerings	817,268.00
Donations - Unrestricted	
CHW	2,983,573.00
Miscellaneous	8,845,617.00
NEHEMIA/AVC Germany	25,296,613.00
Total Donations – Unrestricted	37,125,803.00
Miscellaneous Income	77,435.00
Total Reembursement of Costs	847,488.00
Uncategorized Income	1,587.00
Total Income	<u>38,869,581.00</u>
Expense	
Bank Charges	5,920.00
Communication	1,329,824.00
Food, Hospitality	9,151,989.00
Legal Fees	231,130.00
Public Relations	94,830.00
Rent	2,431,595.00
Repairs & Maintenance, Construction	5,320,649.00
Staff	
Part Time Staff	1,914,130.00
Salaries	3,502,860.00
Salary Tax	86,396.00
Social Insurance	1,521,822.00
Total Staff	7,025,208.00
Taxes – other	1,042,392.00
Transportation and Travel	
Diesel/Benzin	1,552,745.00
Per Diem	1,320,740.00
Travel - Other	356,378.00
Total Travel	3,229,863.00
Utilities	911,967.00
Total Expense	<u>30,775,367.00</u>
Net Income over Expenses	<u>8,094,214.00</u>