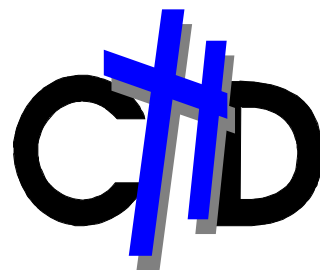


NEHEMIA ALBANIA



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► WHO WE ARE

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 60 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.

► 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, who have also assemblies in many villages. As an Evangelical Church we are doctrinally based on the teachings of the Bible, and are member of the Albanian Evangelical Alliance (VUSH).

2. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

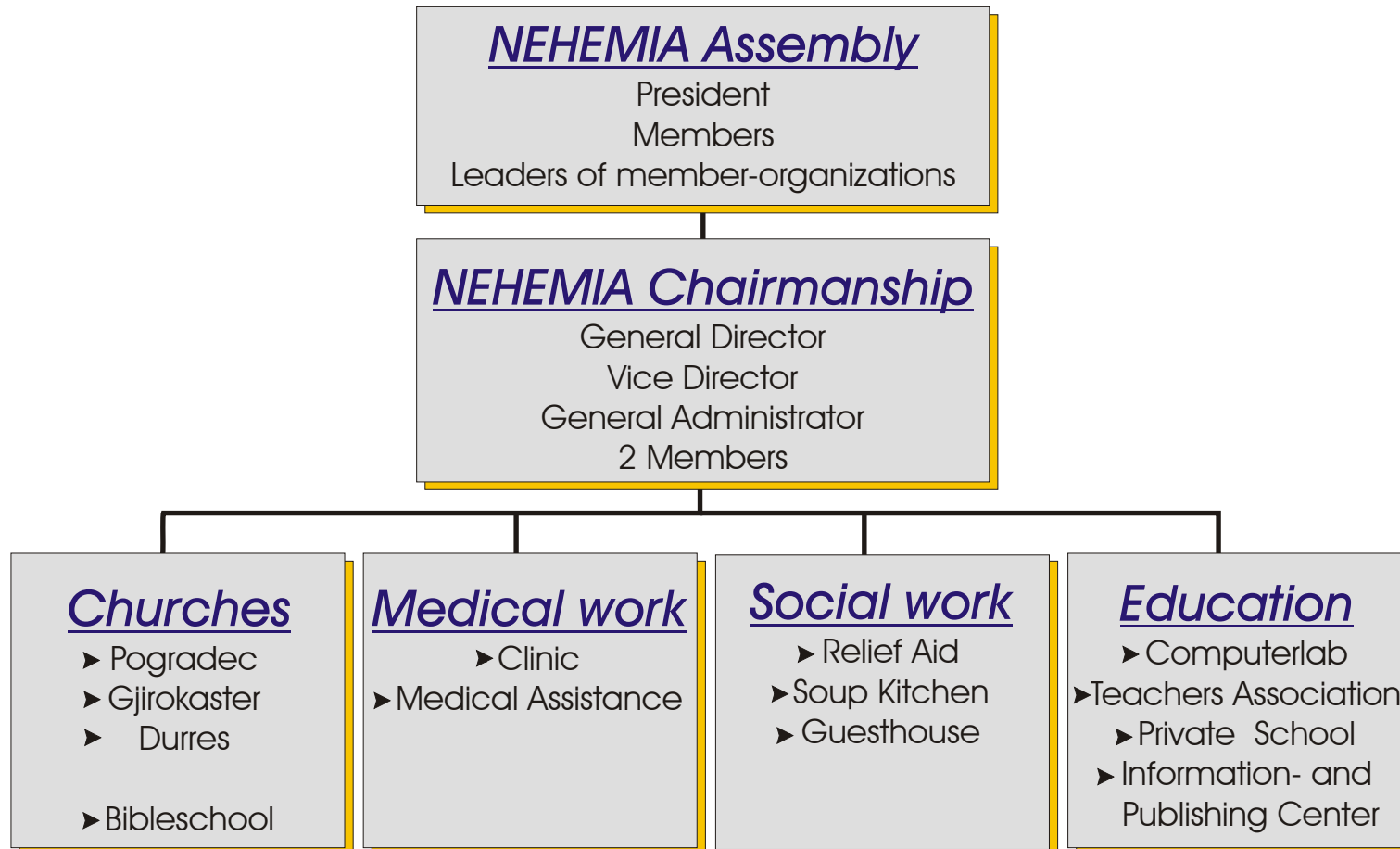
By various social activities we try to meet the needs of the people of Albania and give help and support as effectively as possible.

Until the uprising of March 1997 NEHEMIA operated different work-shops, carpentry, car-repair and bakery, to provide jobs for the unemployed, encourage investors and investments in Albania and to support our own foundation, church and other non-profit organizations.

After all of these work shops being destroyed completely during the unrest in March 1997, we do not plan to rebuild what was destroyed.

NEHEMIA

ALBANIA





STAFF in POGRADEC
- full time -



Flamur Elmasllari
Administrator of
"Nehemia Foundation"
Albanian



Etleva Kallanxhi
Nurse
Albanian



Arnold Geiger
Field Director
"NEHEMIA FOUNDATION"
German



Manjola Dojçe
Jurist and
Leader of social work of
"Nehemia Foundation"
Albanian



Ajet Abrashi
Driver
Albanian



Esther Geiger
Care for guests
German



Natasha Nako
Cook
Soup Kitchen
Albanian



Isolde Flessa
Teacher & Administration
German



Vasilika Dyrmishi
Cook
Soup Kitchen
Albanian



Sylke Rößler
Optician
Project-care for local
optic-shop
German

- plus many voluntary helpers -



► Full time staff in GJIROKASTER & DURRES (December 97)

STAFF in GJIROKASTER



Brigitte Weber
Leader of NEHEMIA - branch
Gjirokastër
Swiss



Mimoza Hate
Work with children
Practical help
Albanian



Gazmend Hasa
Village-work
Church work
Albanian

Plus many voluntary helpers

STAFF in DURRES



Hartmut Kämmer
Leader of NEHEMIA - branch
Durrës
German



Astrid Kämmer
Children's and women's work
Care for foster-children
German



Ibrahim Hasa
Driver & practical help
Albanian



Nadire Hasa
Work with children
Teacher
Albanian



Kudret Allajbeu
Driver & practical help
Albanian



Fatushe Allajbeu
Work with children
Albanian

Plus about 9 voluntary and part-time workers



► Social Activities until March 1997

• RELIEF WORK



- Distribution of family parcels
 - Pogradec district: In every village several times distribution of family parcels with clothes and food
 - In Pogradec every family received at least one parcel alone in 1993
- Special aid for poor families and emergency cases
 - food and clothes
 - financial support
 - funds for medicine and med. treatment
- Support of public institutions with div. equipment, such as various vehicles, computers, photocopy-machines etc.

• SOUP KITCHEN



- The soup kitchen in the city of Pogradec fed daily 105 children who were orphans or come from extremely poor families.
- A hygiene program (handwashing and teethbrushing) and voluntary lessons in basic education, reading and writing.

COMPUTER STUDIO



- In cooperation with the organization „Youth With A Mission“, we ran a 10 computer studio, located in Pogradec gymnasium
- About 500 people received training and a diploma.

• DENTAL CARE



- Our dental clinic & laboratory was led by an Albanian dentist, who was trained by a German dentist
- In addition to that, a mobile dental unit was used for treatment in villages and for home-visits for bedridden people

• AMBULANCE & MEDICAL CARE



- An ambulance room served for treatment of minor wounds, esp. from burns. Another ambulance was about to be started in the village of Malin, distr. Pogradec.
- A nurse working in the ambulance and making home visits. She got support and training from doctors and nurses from MNA (Medizinische Nothilfe Albanien), Germany, who regularly made outreaches, mainly in villages.
- Support and organization of treatment and surgeries abroad



► Happenings in March 1997

DESTRUCTION:

During the unrest in March 1997, almost all our premises and working-branches of Nehemia Pogradec were destroyed:

- Soup kitchen
- Container park (20'-containers) incl.:
 - office
 - storage of relief goods
 - storage of tools and spare-parts
- House in the village Malin, incl.
 - mobile dental unit
 - ambulance
 - heating system, furniture etc.
- Vehicles (Golf D, motorcycle)
- Flat of a German coworker
- Remaining machines in the new Nehemia Center
- All premises, machines and material of Nehemia workshops
 - bakery
 - car-repair shop
 - carpentry

In order to save the remaining values from destruction, we were forced to privatize them, that is, we donated them to private persons, mostly coworkers of Nehemia:

- dental practice & laboratory & x-ray machine
- bible school (furniture etc.)
- computer-lab
- Vehicles (2 VW Microbuses, 1 Mercedes G 4x4, 2 VW Jetta)
- Office equipment, computer etc.
- Machines from carpentry
- Containers

(photo: explosion close to Nehemia base in Pogradec)

REACTION:

• STAFF

In spite of severe threats, personal danger and urgent advises of the embassies, almost the complete foreign staff of Nehemia Albania stayed in country.

- Pogradec: 6 adults
4 children
- Gjirokaster: 1 adult
- Durres 2 adults

We succeeded to save premises and material of Nehemia both in Gjirokaster and Durres, although the co-workers there had to face severe threats and attacks.

• INFORMATION & EVACUATION

Private houses and Nehemia bases were, except one flat in Pogradec, not looted, thus a wide range of information equipment was saved, which served during the times of unrest for coordinating evacuations and passing on important information (i.e. travel-advises, emergency calls, contacts to embassies etc.) - on national and international level.

Nehemia also provided housing and shelter for many other missionaries, who were forced to leave the country.

• RELIEF

For to sustain the re-establishing of authorities and to meet the most urgent needs, Nehemia offered to help according to the possibilities.

- Relief aid for the hospital (dressing materials, food, medicines, fuel for generator, money)
- Fuel for police cars



► Happenings in March 1997



Looting & Destruction

1. Nehemia Container-park
2. Bakery
3. Office Container
4. Storage



► **After March: Activities 1997 in Pogradec**

• **CHURCH**

- Regular weekly meetings
- Children's work
- Evangelistic week in August



• **RELIEF**

- Support of Pogradec Hospital with:
 - Food
 - Dressing material and medicaments
 - Fuel for the generator
 - Financial support
- Support of local Police with fuel
- Support of families in div. emergency cases
 - Financial support
 - Medicine & funds for treatment
 - Food & clothes
- Two months financial support for workers, who had worked with Nehemia and lost their jobs because of the destruction in March (25 workers).

• **COMPUTER LAB**

- After privatization in March 97 computers were returned to Nehemia voluntarily
- Computer courses in local Gymnasium started again in November
- About 60 people took a diploma



• **SOUP KITCHEN**

- Started again in November 97 in Nehemia Center
- 24 children (orphans and from extremely poor families) get a daily meal.



• **AMBULANCE**

- Work went on without interruption in March.
- Care for minor wounds, esp. burns
- Special actions in co-work with MNA



► Activities 1997 in Pogradec - Associate Organizations

COOPERATION WITH ASSOCIATE ORGANIZATIONS:

Nehemia developed a close cooperation with two German humanitarian Organizations, MNA and CHW .

Various operations and actions were done together during 1997.

Both organizations applied for membership in NEHEMIA Albania, and have been accepted as full members.



• **MNA** „Medizinische Nothilfe Albanien“

is an organization specializing in medical aid

- 2 medical outreaches over 9 weeks
- Medical teams (doctors and nurses) treating patients in Pogradec and villages in the district
- Supply with medical supplies & equipment
- Emergency surgeries
- Organizing and financing of surgeries in Macedonia
- Support of the local hospital with medicaments
- Support of local optic-shop

• **CHW** „Christlicher Hilfsverein in Wismar“

are relief organization and church planters

- They started a permanent work in Bishnica, a village in Pogradec district, doing weekly church meetings
- 3 transports with relief aid, building material for CHW and NEHEMIA Center etc.
- Donation of 3 vehicles and equipment for the local fire brigade
- Donation of a truck for the Commune of Velçan, distr. Pogradec
- Donation of an ambulance van for the hospital in Bishnica



►The new NEHEMIA Center

In December 1996 Nehemia signed the contract and purchased an old factory-building near the center of Pogradec.

- Land: 3.000 m²
+ 1.200 m² (purchased in Nov. 97)
- Building: 1.000 m²

In the beginning of March 1997 final purchase and registration was done, only few days before the outbreak of unrest in Pogradec.

During March these new premises were also attacked and looted, and everything of value, like old machines, spare parts and material, was stolen.

This building is the center of all work branches of Nehemia in Pogradec:

- Church
- Bible School
- Administration
- Education Training Center
- Soup Kitchen
- Clinic
- Library
- Apartment for handicapped person

- Inauguration: July 1998



April 1997



October 1997

NEHEMIA
CENTER
●
POGRADEC



NOVEMBER 1997



GJIROKASTER

CHURCH:

- Church in Gjirokaster: Weekly meetings for
 - Children
 - Youth group
 - Women's meeting
 - Prayer meeting
 - Sunday service
- Villages:
 - Work in four villages
 - Regular meetings and services for children and adults

RELIEF AID:

- Support of local Old People's Home
 - Regular supply with food
 - Visits and personal care
- Support of poor families with food

PLANS:

- Rent a large building for Nehemia base and church
- Discipleship school
- Shelter and housing for people in need, esp. old people
- Intensify village work

DURRES

CHURCH:

- Regular weekly meetings and children ministry in 11 villages and the city of Durres. Two Churches are established.
- Children:
 - 400 children (age 6-14) receive biblical lessons twice a week
- Gypsies
 - Meetings three times a week in Church in Durres
 - Children ministry incl. lessons in basic education

RELIEF AID:

- Support of families in farming and cultivation (purchase of seeds and fertilizer etc.)
- Support for families in finding houses; help with initial financing
- Care for foster children: Up to 5 Children from families in need were taken in the family of our missionaries Hartmut and Astrid Kämmer, where they give care, housing, food and enable them to go to school.

PLANS:

- Kindergarten & preschool for Gypsy children in Durres

NEHEMIA FOUNDATION



Church

- Regular meetings
- Special meetings and teachings for men, children and women
- Subsidiary assemblies in villages
- Seminaries
- Bibleschool
- Library & distribution of literature



Medical work

- IN COOPERATION WITH MNA -

- Clinic
- Regular outreaches of German med. teams in towns and villages; examination & treatment
- Support of hospitals with equipment
(i.e. dialysis equipment for Tirana Nephrological Hospital; delivered in January 98)
- German doctor for long term work
- - Organization and funding of surgeries and treatment abroad
- - Mobile Nursing Service
- Planned: DIALYSIS CLINIC ◀



Social work

- Soup Kitchen
 - more than 100 children
 - a hygiene program
- Relief Aid
 - in cooperation with CHW-
 - for public institutions
 - for families in emergency cases
 - family parcels
- Agriculture Program with CHW
 - in cooperation with AGRINAS -
 - Support of farmers in potatoe planting project with:
 - seed potatoes, fertilizer,
 - education, marketing
- Guesthouse



Education

- Computertlab
 - 12 computers
 - courses for officials, pupils and private persons
- Teacher's Organization
- Private School
- Preschool & Kindergarten
- Information- & Publishing Center

*Catching area:
Districts Pogradec and Korca*