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FOREWORD

Arnold Geiger President of the NEHEMIA Foundation Albania

Evangelism and the spiritual support of the Albanian people is the foremost goal of NEHEMIA, and the spiritual basis for our various projects.

We believe and have experienced, that only a spiritual change of Albania's society according to Biblical principles will bring the longterm improvement for which we are working. After almost ten years of full time work in Albania, I am truly thankful to all our donors, co-workers and especially to God, our Lord and "General Director" of NEHEMIA Albania.

We benefit from a long and fruitful partnership with NEHEMIA in Germany, Switzerland, Austria and member organizations like CHW, MNA, CfN, Apostolic Church and others.

The growth of activities and projects we experienced during these years was unexpected even for us. It shows that trust and confidence in our work has been created. We have been able to grow with the changes in Albania's development as it becomes more and more like a west-European country.

Our main projects have grown over the time and are designed to continue to do so in the future.

During the past years our experience has shown us that the most effective work to help a country like Albania can be done in conjunction with teaching basic Biblical values. People who submit themselves to the Biblical patterns of life experience a real change and become the most effective helpers for a country like Albania. Therefore we will continue to offer Biblically based activities and have all our projects based on the spiritual body of Christ, the local church.

We hope this "Annual Report 2000" will be an encouragement to everyone reading it, to go on serving the people and country of Albania.

Thanks and glory to our God, Jesus Christ.



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MISSION STATEMENT

Vision & Goals

NEHEMIA Albania's vision is to contribute, for the long term, to the change of Albanian society according to Biblical structures.

To reach this, our aim is

to plant and build up stable, multiplying and growing churches in Albania (and other places), and to assist others in doing so.

to motivate and educate coworkers from these churches, who, with a spiritual vision, contribute to all the social, educational, medical, agricultural, economical and similar realms like also trade and crafts.

to evaluate results of our work and make them available to others.

to coordinate our own activities with the work of other mission organizations and cooperate based on the division of labor.

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branches members leadership legal status funds AEP & VUSh



BRANCHES Center: POGRADEC Branches: GJIROKASTER DURRES Plus: Regular activities in 39 VILLAGES

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

MNA-Medizinische Nothilfe Albanien

(Medical Emergency Aid Albania) All of NEHEMIA's medical aid in Albania is done in cooperation with MNA (p. 14-15)

CHW - Christlicher Hilfsverein Wismar(Christian Relief Association, Wismar)

CHW has a team of German and Albanian co-workers living in the village of Bishnica (Pogradec district). Their activities:

- > church planting (p.10)
- > dormitory (p. 18)
- > language courses (p.19)
- > relief aid (p.13)

AC - Chiesa Apostolica, Italia (*Apostolic Church of Italy*) The work is led by missionaries from Italy, who live in Pogradec. They work mainly in villages.

Their activities:

- > church planting (p. 10)
- > language courses (p.19)
- > relief aid (p.13)

CfN - Christ for the Nations

(Glaubenszentrum Bad Gandersheim) opened a Bible school in Pogradec (p. 10)

LEADERSHIP

President of Fondacioni NEHEMIA: Arnold Geiger

Leader of the Gjirokastër branch: Brigitte Weber

Leader of the Durrës branch: Hartmut Kämmer

Chairmanship:

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LEGAL STATUS

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

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".



NEHEMIA Center in Pogradec

FUNDS

As a nonprofit organization we are almost exclusively financed by voluntary donations, mainly from Christian believers in Germany and Switzerland.

Nehemia is acknowledged as a nonprofit organization by the governments of Germany, Switzerland, Albania and many more.

AEP, PEP & VUSh

Fondacioni NEHEMIA is a member of two Christian Albanian organizations,

AEP & PEP

(Albanian Encouragement Project & Pogradec Encouragement Project):

AEP is a cooperation of 72 evangelical mission organizations with its office in Tirana, and

PEP is the local cooperation of 8 evangelical churches and missions in Pogradec.

VUSh

(Evangelical Alliance of Albania) The "Vëllazeria Ungjillore Shqiptare", as a part of the International Evangelical Alliance, forms the umbrella for about 100 evangelical churches and organizations in Albania.

Fondacioni NEHEMIA



has 4 member organizations in Albania

4 4 2 works in 42 towns and villages



HISTORY

Fondacioni NEHEMIA took its name from the Biblical prophet Nehemiah, who lived

- about 450 years before Christ. He helped to build up his
- country by working in the spiritual and practical realms.

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The German "Nehemia Christian Aid Ministries" has been working in Albania since 1991.

Our first transport with relief aid in 1991 was welcomed personally by the Albanian Minister of Health as the very first transport of this kind in Albania.

1992

Since spring 1992 co-workers of N E H E M I A h a v e b e e n continuously working in Albania, mainly in Pogradec and Durrës.

In addition to the church many projects and work branches were established during the following five years, such as a dental clinic, soup kitchen, bakery, Bible school, clinic, carpentry etc. We also started to work continuously in Gjirokastër and Durrës.

1997

During the unrest in March 1997 the premises and projects of NEHEMIA Pogradec were completely destroyed. Nevertheless all our missionaries remained in country and started to rebuild. Many social activities have been started again, new projects have been established.

In June 1998 the inauguration of our new NEHEMIA Center in Pogradec took place.

From March until July 1999 NEHEMIA, in close cooperation with other mission organizations, cared for thousands of refugees from Kosova.

Last year we purchased two buildings in Durrës for a local base.

In 2000 we also purchased a building and land in the village of Buçimas (close to Pogradec). There our new NEHEMIA Center (church, administration, guests, media), the NEHEMIA Education Center (school: grades 1-12, kindergarten) and a multipurpose hall will be built (see p. 22).

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Koso

Maced

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resources spiritual support

professional advice

practical asssistance

RESOURCES

As a nongovernmental relief and mission organization Nehemia Foundation is depending on voluntary financial support and practical assistance from individuals, churches and other organizations.

In addition to financial support we receive also:

- > Spiritual support
- > Professional advice
- > Practical assistance

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

We believe in the power of prayer.

That's why we consider intercession and prayers of Christian believers as one of the most effective ways of support for our projects and for the whole country of Albania.

To keep fellow Christians informed about our actual situation and challenges, we issue weekly reports by e-mail.

Additional support of spiritual counsel and advice comes from Christian leaders who have a great degree of leadership experience and spiritual insight.

PROFESSIONAL ADVICE

We are very grateful for several competent advisors, who put their rich experience at our disposal: Mission leaders and successful managers, who help us to put vision into practice by developing long-term strategies and solutions for the daily challenges in our growing projects.

PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE

Many people support our projects practically through different kinds of activities:

In short term outreaches during their holidays, many of our partners from Germany and Switzerland support different projects and/or offer to help wherever needed. These are:

- -teachers
- doctors and nurses
- craftsmen
- musicians
- businessmen
- children co-workers
- accountants
- drivers of relief trucks

- church teams

and many more.

They usually not only offer free professional assistance, but mostly cover also their travel expenses, and costs for food and accommodation.

Others help in Germany, for example by organizing relief transports, organizing and purchasing equipment and other needed articles, etc.

We highly appreciate this kind of practical assistance, which forms a considerable part of Nehemia's ministry.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Fondacioni NEHEMIA is almost exclusively financed by voluntary donations*.

Most of our funds we receive through our bases in Germany and Switzerland,

"Nehemia Christenhilfsdienst e.V." and "AVC" (Aktionskomittee für verfolgte Christen) in Nidda/Germany

> "AVC Hilfswerk", Safnern, Switzerland,

who either receive designated (restricted) donations for specific projects, or general funds, mostly from Christians in Germany and Switzerland.

NEHEMIA/AVC in Germany has the right to issue tax reducible receipts for donations.

Special work branches are financed by our members CHW, MNA, AC and CfN.

* During the Kosova refugee crisis in 1999 we also received funds from the German government and other NGO's.

Few of our projects are designed to cover a part of the needed funds by own income, for example by nominal fees for the school.

DONORS

Several projects are generously supported by private donors or churches in Germany or Switzerland, some of them are even completely covered by regular donations.

The financial commitment to running projects gives us a lot of security for future plans and is an enormous help for our work.

EXAMPLES

Not every donor wants his name published - which we understand and respect)

> Soup Kitchen, Pogradec Donor: Jesus Gemeinde Sohland (Germany)

- > Funds for land and buildings A considerable amount of money was given in advance for this purpose.
- > School for missionaries' children Donor: Freie Christengemeinde Kronach (Germany)
- > Regular support for long-term co-workers by several donors
- > High quality equipment for the MediaCenter
- > Vehicles

In 2000 and beginning of 2001 seven micro buses and five cars have been donated by several sponsors to meet the needs of our different work branches. Included are running costs like insurances and maintenance costs.

> Technical equipment like generators, tools, phones, etc.

> Annual auditor's report is done by the CPAs Michelle Mann and Andrea Anthony (USA) for only the travel expenses.

donors & resources

financial support

donors

PLANS & VISION

Nehemia's projects can only grow by the increase in support by our donors.

Therefore our goals are:

To win interest and hearts of individuals, churches and businesses to share our vision for the work in Albania and to take over the care of projects with financial support and/or practical assistance.

To keep our donors informed about our activities by regular and thorough reports.

THANK YOU!

church

goals locations doctrine activities plans

GOALS

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DOCTRINE (summary)

ocial work

Our teaching and doctrine are based on the Bible, which, as the Word of God, is our absolute authority.

medical service

We believe in God the Father. Son and Holv Spirit. Jesus, the Son of God, died for the sin of man and is living as resurrected Savior today. He can be experienced in a very practical way, and will return to judge mankind. By the Holy Spirit HE acts in mighty ways, no different than from Biblical times.

EVANGELICAL

We are a member of the Evangelical Alliance in Albania (VUSh), which, as a part of the International Evangelical Alliance, forms the umbrella for evangelical churches and organizations in Albania.

PENTECOSTAL

As an evangelical mission organization we are part of the International Pentecostal Movement, which is the fastest growing Christian movement in the world.

ACTIVITIES

- > services
- > children's ministry
- > village ministry
- > Bible school (CfN)
- > personal care & counseling
- > youth camps
- > seminars & conferences
- > Christian library

PLANS & VISION

Our goals are, among many others, church planting in many villages, Bible schools and the use of modern media (TV, Video, Internet) for church work

One of our long-term goals is to build new, unique church buildings in every village we are working in. The churches will have room for church and social work (For example clinics, storage for relief aid, accommodation, etc.)

This project will be done in cooperation with other mission organizations in Pogradec (PEP).

We also want to assist and help churches in neighboring countries, like in Greece, Macedonia and Kosova.



Fondacioni NEHEMIA

has 12 churches in Albania

reaches about 2.500 persons

per week

in regular meetings

has regular

towns and villages

activities in 42



NEHEMIA POGRADEC

STAFF

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

plus: 1 assistant and many voluntary helpers

PLANS & VISION

- > Bible school for pastors and leaders
- > Leadership training
- > Church planting in villages

NEHEMIA Durrës STAFF

Leaders:

Hartmut & Astrid Kämmer (German) Pastor + Bible teacher: Wilfried Sichelschmidt (Swiss) Leaders of children's ministry: Nadire Hasa, Fatushe Allajbeu, Shkurta Shtylla, Lule Hadaj(Alb.) Bible teacher: Kastriot Hadaj (Alb.) Plus: 6 full-time co-workers

PLANS & VISION

> Cooperation with other evangelical churches working in Durrës (children's and youth ministry, prayer).

NEHEMIA Gjirokastër

STAFF

Leader: Brigitte Weber (Swiss) Leaders of Church Gjirokastër, 4 villages and retirement home (spiritual care):

Hans & Rosa Bellwald (Swiss) Leaders of work in 4 villages, church ministry and administration: Gazmend & Andrea Hasa (Albanian + Swiss) Village ministry: Corinne Pipke (German)

PLANS & VISION:

- > Evangelizm of new villages
- > Staff training
- > Purchase of a church building

REGULAR MEETINGS

- > Sunday services (about 120 adults)
- > Children's services (150 children)
- > Children meetings in 8 villages
- > Women's, men's, youth meetings
- > Bible studies for church members
- > Prayer meetings

> Cell group meeting for teenagers > Bible lessons for the students of the Nehemia School

plus: Christian library and distribution of literature

Altogether we reach in regular meetings about 150 adults and 680 children every week.

SPECIALS 2000

- > 26 persons have been baptized
- > Start of village ministry in 5 villages
- > New church planting project in Pogradec
- > Children Summer Bible School
- > Evangelistic outreaches
- > Weekly open air meetings (summer)
- > Broadcast of Sunday services through a local TV station
- > Discipleship Training School by Youth With A Mission in the **NEHEMIA** Center in Pogradec
- > Children co-workers took part in seminars and conferences in Germany
- > Nehemia Albania Conference in May

SPECIALS 2000

- > Baptism of 48 persons
- > Formation of a leadership team > Reconstruction work in the two new buildings in Durrës
- > Purchase of another church building in the village of Sukth (altogether 5 buildings in three villages and Durrës)
- > Three Albanian co-workers have been sent to Kosova (short-term)



SPECIALS 2000

- > Easter service with 200 visitors
- > Baptism of 30 persons
- > Evangelistic outreaches with teams from Switzerland and Germany
- > 3 week seminar for co-workers in children's ministry
- > Two Albanian missionaries have been sent to Kosova
- > One Albanian missionary working in the village Azim Zeneli



church

Pogradec Durrës Gjirokastër



REGULAR MEETINGS

REGULAR

MEETINGS

> Meetings in 8 villages

> Children's ministry

> Meetings for couples

> Youth meetings

- > Children meetings in 15 villages > Meetings for adults in 10 villages
- > Joint youth meetings every month
- > Prayer nights (weekly)

plus: Door-to-door visits by the evangelistic outreach team

Every week we reach about 1000 persons in regular meetings. In the Durrës district we have 8 churches.

> Sunday services in Gjirokastër

> Meetings in the retirement home

> Men and women's meetings

Altogether we reach in regular

meetings about 330 children

and 180 adults per week.

church

CHW CHURCH AC CHURCH CfN BIBLE SCHOOL





Fondacioni NEHEMIA's member 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 ot the work in Bishnica CHW has started regular meetings in the villages of Jollë, Shpellë, Velçan and Buzaishtë. They also lead a dormitory for children of a remote village (see *p. 17*), and are distributing relief aid (*p. 13*) 'CHW works in cooperation with the United Methodist Church.

ocial work

medical service

STAFF

Leader: Frieder Weinhold (German) Leader of base Bishnica: Michael and Claudia Hanisch (German) Children's ministry: Majlinda Prifti (Albanian)

Plus: Many voluntary co-workers

REGULAR MEETINGS

> Sunday services

- Children's meetings
- > Home Bible study groups
- Special meetings for men, women and young people

Altogether we reach in regular > 0 meetings about 45 adults and 120 children every week. > 0

SPECIALS 2000

- > Baptism of 23 people
- > Concert tour with a 25-person youth choir from Estonia
- Care for 8 children in the dormitory
- Evangelistic outreaches of German teams in Holtas (district Gramsh)
- > One missionary has been sent to Kosova
- > One co-worker has been sent to Holtas (district Gramsh)
- > Excursions to Macedonia



AC Apostolic Church

The Apostolic Church, member organization of Fondacioni NEHEMIA, concentrate on work in four villages in the district of Pogradec: Stropckë, Bratomirë, Çërravë and Blacë. They also have meetings in Pogradec. In Stropckë they have their own church building, while in the other villages they meet in home groups. In addition to the spiritual work the Italian missionaries offer courses in Italian language (*p. 19*) and distribute relief aid (*p. 13*).

STAFF

Leader: Sandro Sardella (Italian) Pastoral Assistant: Ardi Shkullaku (Albanian) Leader of children ministry: Luciana Sardella (Italian) Interpreter: Linda Gegprifti (Alb.) Assistant in Children ministry: Sokol Shkullaku (Alb.)

REGULAR

- MEETINGS > Sunday service in Stropcke
- Sunday service in Si
 Children's meetings
- > Home bible study groups

Every week we reach about 60 adults and 80 children in regular meetings.

SPECIALS 2000

> Baptism of 11 people



CfN Christ For The Nations, Glaubenszentrum Bad Gandersheim

CfN opened their Bible school in October 2000. Their goal is discipleship and co-worker training, which means to train and educate young Christians to lead their life as true disciples and help practically in every branch of the church.

STAFF

Leaders: Annerose Nistel, Christian Scheffler (German) Project leader in Germany: Dieter Drexler Co-workers: Stefanie Schupfner (German) Daniel Matzenauer (Swiss) FACTS

- > Start: 29.10.2000
- > Duration of the first course:
 - 6 months
- > 6 students
- > Full board

PLANS & VISION:

> New school year beginning September 2001

FOCUS

- > A growing relation to God
- > A fundament in God's Word
- > A heart for the lost
- > Prayer
- > Character training
- > Practical application in areas,

such as children's ministry

evangelizing, creativity, etc.



RELIEF AID FOR PEOPLE **IN NEED**

since 1991

Humanitarian Aid for people in need - that is traditionally one of NEHEMIA's first concerns - an opportunity to show "God's love in action".

NEHEMIA's activities in Albania started with a relief transport in 1991, which was welcomed by the Albanian Minister of Health personally as the first one of this kind in Albania.

Today there is still a lot of work to be done to relieve the immediate needs of poor people. Many families are living close to subsistence level, not being able to cover the most urgent needs.

We help in different projects:

- > Soup kitchen
- > Distribution of food
- > Distribution of clothes
- > Financial help for emergency cases
- > Support for medical treatment

Since 1991 more than 80.000 family parcels have been distributed.

PLANS & VISION

> Mobile care service in Gjirokastër and Pogradec (medical and practical assistance in combination with spiritual care)

SUPPORT FOR **INSTITUTIONS** since 1991

Not only private individuals, but also authorities, public institutions and other organizations ask for support.

Over the years many vehicles, computers, copy machines, typewriters etc. have been donated to the local authorities.

Hospitals received medicine, surgical tools and medical equipment.

Many schools have been renovated and received furniture and writing materials.

For the retirement home in Gjirokastër we have a special support program.

soup kitchen



retirement home

social work

relief aid since 1991

support for institutions

Fondacioni NEHEMIA



works 10 years continuously in Albania



disributed more than 80.000 family parcels

spent about 300.000 DM for relief aid in the **V** year 2000 11

social work





Support of the **RETIREMENT HOME**

in Gjirokastër

Retirement homes are not very common institutions in Albania. Traditionally the families care for their elderly people, and it is considered a shame to leave them to the care of others. Unfortunately these traditions dissolve more and more, and many people ask for a place to spend the old age in a retirement home. The retirement home in Gjirokastër is also a home for several young disabled people - the only place for them to stay.

Like in most of the public institutions in Albania, there are only basic funds available to run the institution. By financial, spiritual and organizational support, Nehemia helps to improve the living conditions for the elderly people there. To provide old age in dignity.

STAFF

Spiritual care for the occupants: Hans and Rosa Bellwald (Swiss) Albanian co-workers employed by NEHEMIA:

Klement Bano Guard Tatjana Bakëri Physiotherapist Anila Çani Cleaner

The NEHEMIA office in Gjirokastër is located in the premises of the retirement home.

PLANS & VISION

> Dental treatment

> Continuation of the spiritual ministry

> Improvement of the food quality (vegetables, fruit, dairy products, etc.)

FACTS

> The retirement home in Gjirokastër receives financial support, food and other designated donations since 1997.

> Monthly support since July 2000: min. 3.500 DM

> NEHEMIA's missionaries and church co-workers care personally for the occupants of the retirement home through visits, organization of excursions, etc.

> Co-workers have been employed, who help to improve the medical and hygienic situation (physiotherapist, cleaner). A guard improves security in the institution.

> Regular church meetings are held.

SPECIALS 2000

> Official celebration of the signing of the contract in July

> Outreaches of German doctors and nurses (by MNA)

- > Baptizm of 10 occupants
- > Wedding of an elderly couple
- > Leisure activities for the elderly,
- like excursions, cocktail etc.
- > Brightening up of the premises by decoration
- > Emergency transports for the sick

The retirement home received:

- > 1 computer plus printer
- > Bookkeeping software
- > TV sets, cassette recorders
- > Hospital beds, wheelchairs
- > Washing machine, dryer
- > Refrigerators
- > New clothes and shoes for the occupants
- > Fuel for the heating system



DM 3.500 monthly support for the retirement home

> 45 children received a daily meal in the soup kitchen

SOUP KITCHEN

in Pogradec

The soup kitchen in Pogradec has existed since 1992, with only a short interruption of the work during the unrest of 1997, when the existing premises were destroyed during the nationwide unrest. Since several years the work has been fully financed by a church in Germany, the "Jesus Gemeinde Sohland".

Here children from extremely poor families and orphans receive not only a daily meal, but also medical and dental treatment, lessons in hygiene, small presents from time to time. Bible lessons, songs and prayers bring light into their hard lives.

Until summer 2000 most of the children attended our "Classes of Hope" - a special education program which has been taken over by Youth WithA Mission, who also started a lunch program for their students. Responding to the smaller number of children fed by the soup kitchen NEHEMIA intensified the distribution of food for needy families, and will restructure the work of the soup kitchen.

FACTS

- > Daily meals for poor children and orphans
- > Medical and dental treatment
- > Bible lessons, songs and praver
- > Leisure activities on the
- playground of Nehemia center

SPECIALS 2000

> Dental treatment by German dentists

> Until October 2000

45 children received a daily meal Since then 15 children attend our soup kitchen.

PLANS & VISION

 > Re-structuring of the feeding program in Pogradec
 > Opening of a soup kitchen in Gjirokastër



RELIEF AID FOR PEOPLE IN NEED - 2000

- > 300 families got special support:
 - in emergency cases: cases of sickness (p. 11), burnt houses etc.
 for elderly people
 - for extremely people
 for extremely poor families
- > Distribution of 2.145 family parcels (food and/or clothes) in 16 villages in the district of Pogradec:

Pleshisht Trebinjë, Podgozhan Malinë Grabovicë Nizhavec Kodras Lumas Çervenakë Boqezë Piskupat Peshkëpi Homçan Golik Slabinjë Laktesh

SUPPORT FOR INSTITUTIONS - 2000

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

HOSPITAL

Ultrasound scanner physiotherapy bed beds, mattresses, bed sheets, uniforms, other medical materials children beds + mattresses

FAMILY ADVICE CENTER

Paper, soap, working clothes

MATERNITY

Bed sheets, work clothes

MILITARY BASE Nr. 1015

Dryer (for laundry), hospital bed, 3 water tanks , 1 stove tables, paper, bed sheets, towels, blankets

POLICE STATION

Traffic signs (new), beds, mattresses, blankets, ink cartridges, jackets, trousers etc,

ELECTRIC ENTERPRISE Beds, blankets, bed sheets

CADASTRAL OFFICE

1 computer

BANK

1 printer

PRISONS

4 prisons received blankets, mattresses, refrigerators, furniture etc.

SCHOOLS

> 21 schools received school furniture (tables & chairs):

- 9 schools in Pogradec and villages in the district
- 6 schools in Gjirokastër
- 6 schools got support by CHW (District of Pogradec)

 > The school "Muharrem Çollaku" received pingpong sets
 > The schools in Bishnicë and Shpellë got support for renovation

KINDERGARTEN

> distribution of paper, soap, work clothes and toys to the kindergartens of Pogradec, Buçimas, Rrëmënjë and Vërdovë

Total value of relief aid distributed in 2000:

19.120.740 Lek (298.761 DM)

<u>socia</u> work

relief aid 2000 facts & figures





NGOs

Bratomirë.

(CHW)

offerings (CHW)

SHOQATA RINGJALLJA

> Distribution of clothes, toiletries

Apostolic Church in the villages of

> Regular support of poor families

villages to the hospital in Pogradec

in Bishnicë by voluntary church

> Emergency transports from

and school materials by the

Stropckë, Blacë, Çërravë and

Basketball, ping-pong sets, volleyball net, chairs, caps, shirts

Other NGOs:

Beds, mattresses, soap, tables, chairs, typewriters, volleyball net, ping-pong sets, basketball

CUSTOM AGENCY FIRM Typewriters

> altogether in Pogradec: 1301 blankets 230 mattresses 187 beds 3780 pieces soap 2400 kg paper 7 ping-pong sets 7 basketballs 7 volleyballs 335 chairs 109 tables 24 typewriters

300 families got support in emergency cases and special needs



5 2145 family parcels distributed



total value of relief aid distributed in 2000: almost 300.000 DM 13



cooperation background

COOPERATION

The medical relief work of NEHEMIA is done in cooperation with our member organization MNA (Medical Emergency Aid, Albania), and supervised by the local health authorities.

(Agreement with the local Health Department, 17.04.99)

BACKGROUND

For Christians medical aid is never seen separately from spiritual aspects. Jesus, the Creator and Savior of man, wants people to be healed.

During the time He lived on earth, He prayed for many people who were healed immediately, and he promised to go on doing so by the power of the Holy Spirit.

That's why we not only help with modern medicine and treatments, but also offer prayer and spiritual counseling for our patients.



medical education



medical service

STAFF

Leader of medical service: Ullrich Drechsel (German) Staff in outpatients' clinic: Dr. Ivana Bardhi Dr. Xhemil Zgjani Mimoza Katiraj (nurse) Arta Besholli (nurse) Plus: Voluntary medical teams from Germany and Switzerland

MEDICAL RELIEF AID

>About 16.000 DM were spent for medicine and medical materials > Hospital and maternity in Pogradec received materials > Emergency transports (CHW) of patients from Bishnica to Pogradec (p. 13) > Individuals with serious health problems got financial support for treatment and operations

SPECIAL CARE:

A 13 year-old girl sick with bone cancer was brought to Macedonia, where she had to undergo operations, chemotherapy etc. The expenses, about 900.000Lek (DM 12.600), were covered by NEHEMIA in 2000 and beginning of 2001, and more expenses will follow. NEHEMIA cared also for a regular personal care (weekly visits).

PLANS & VISION

> Registration of the outpatients' clinic in Pogradec as an independent clinic > Mobile health care in Pogradec and Giirokastër

> Mobile dental service in villages

OUTPATIENT'S CLINIC

In the outpatients' clinic in NEHEMIA Center Pogradec two doctors examine and treat patients free of cost. Two nurses care for patients with minor wounds and the registration of the patients. Our medical personnel is on call for emergency cases in our private school and other work branches.

The clinic is equipped with an ultrasound scanner and an electrocardiogram.

In 2000 on average 20 patients daily received examinations and treatment. 980 patients are registered in the NEHEMIA clinic, most of them repeatedly visited our doctors.

120 children from the NEHEMIA school and kindergarten saw the doctor during the year.

The clinic is also the base and organizational center for outreaches of German medical teams. German doctors see patients there. In 2000 all of the students (231 children) got medical check-ups.

Due to organizational reasons the clinic had to be closed for several weeks during fall 2000 (September - October 2000). During this time only our patients with chronic diseases got treatment.

OUTREACHES 2000

Medical teams:

22 co-workers from Germany and Switzerland formed four medical teams (doctors and nurses) and examined and treated patients in two week outreaches:

- in the retirement home and church in Gjirokastër
- in the outpatient's clinic in Pogradec
- in villages near Pogradec
- (8 outreaches) where 400 patients have been treated

Dental teams:

In two outreaches, a dentist and a dental assistant from Germany, assisted by an Albanian student of dentistry, examined and treated:

- the students of NEHEMIA school and kindergarten
- the children attending the NEHEMIA Soup Kitchen
- the children attending the school from YWAM
- the children of an orphanage inTirana (SFI)
- co-workers of NEHEMIA and other mission organizations

MEDICAL **EDUCATION**

Open seminars:

Doctors from Germany and Pogradec held open seminars for further medical education about:

- Medicine in Christian view
- Embryonic development
- Hypertony
- Therapy with antibiotics
- Diabetes
- Rachitis
- Pneumonia

Dental hygiene:

The dental teams held lessons in schools and kindergarten about dental hygiene.

clinic outreaches med. relief aid med. education





more than 20 patients per day get treatment in the clinic



400 patients were treated in villages



we bought medical material for about 15





HOPE

In Albania many young people have lost hope for the future. Their only perspective is emigration: starting a new life elsewhere.

NEHEMIA's goal is to provide future perspectives for Albanians in Albania. This starts with proper education, which will open the doors for a successful future and will have a positive impact on the whole society. For the same reason we also have the goal to create secure working places in our various projects.

KNOWLEDGE & MORE

Nehemia Schools help to gain professional knowledge and abilities, but this is only one aspect of education. The other is impartation of moral standards and rules of social life, which are the foundation of every society. Those standards are laid down in the Bible, and proven in centuries of human civilization. Our schools are not religious schools (except the Bible school, of course), but we base our work on Biblical truth. Every student is invited to visit our church meetings and learn more about the spiritual basis of our work. With written permission by the parents the students may take part in daily devotions and Bible lessons.

FOR EVERYONE

Our goal is 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.

EDUCATION PROJECTS:

medical service

- > Private school
- > Kindergarten
- > Dormitory
- > Day care center
- > Foreign language courses
- > Computer studio
- > Further education & seminars

Our "Classes of Hope", the special program for poor children, has been taken over by "Youth With a Mission", who opened an education center and school in Pogradec especially for children from poor and socially problematic families. We still support the classes, for example with furniture and materials, and by free dental treatment for the children.

playground





computerstudio





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

STAFF

Director: Artan Shkëmbi Teachers (2000/2001) Primary school: 7 class-teachers (full time) 4 assistants (full time) Secondary school: 2 teachers (full time) 5 teachers (part time)

PLUS:

2 English teachers 1 music teacher 2 part time teachers for short term courses in the afternoon

PLANS & VISION

 > Building of the "NEHEMIA Education Center"
 Bucimas/Pogradec (see p. 22)
 > At least two more classes for the next school year



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

PRIVATE SCHOOL

Nehemia private school is very well accepted by the people of Pogradec and beyond, which is documented by the big number of applicants every year. By means of an individual test only about 30 percent of the children applying are chosen to attend Nehemia school.

The main reason for this limitation is simply: Space. In NEHEMIA center there are no more rooms left, which could serve as classrooms. Therefore we are forced to build new premises. A big education center is planned in Buçimas, close to the city of Pogradec (*see page 22*).

FACTS

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

- > Additional:
 - computer training starting from grade 4
 - English lessons starting from grade 1
 German lessons
 - starting from grade 5

> 173 students

- > 8 classes
- > grades 1 5
- > At NEHEMIA Center, Pogradec

For every student enrolled a monthly nominal fee has to be paid by the family.

- NEHEMIA SCHOOL offers:
- > Breakfast and lunch
- > Schoolbus

> Clinic (for emergency cases and check-ups)

KINDERGARTEN

STAFF

> 2 preschool teachers> 2 assistants

SPECIALS 2000

 > All the students of Shkolla Nehemia, at the end of the last school year, successfully moved on to the next grade.
 > A playground has been built, where the parents voluntarily covered most of the costs.
 > The students received dental examination and treatment by German dentists.

> Picnics, concerts and festivities > The teachers of Nehemia school and kindergarten attended a 2weeks training course in Germany, organized by "Youth With A Mission", Hurlach.

education

private school kindergarten





- > 2 groups, altogether 58 children
- > Breakfast and lunch

> In the premises of the former "Pioneer house" in Pogradec, which was renovated with assistance and financial contributions of NEHEMIA in 1999.





has 8 classes grades 1 - 5 17

educati<u>on</u>

day care center dormitory





DAY CARE CENTER in Nishtulla/Durrës:

In Nishtulla live many Gypsy families. The social surrounding makes it impossible for children to receive proper education. Missing patterns of social behavior, poverty, and a lack of support from the family are some of the reasons, why many children have problems to attend public schools.

NEHEMIA saw the need, and started a day care program for those children in 1999.

STAFF

Leaders: Nadir & Ibrahim Hasa plus: 3 co-workers

FACTS

- > 22 children in 2 groups
- > age 5-8
- > daily lunch (for all the children)
- > hygiene program

PROGRAM

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The program is divided into two courses. The smaller children get preschool training in the nursery, while the older ones, who already attend public school, get additional care and support.

For example:

- > remedial lessons
- > assistance with homework
- > leisure activities
- > Bible lessons
- > concentration training

On their way to school the children are accompanied by adults.

Once a year the groups are taken on excursions.



CHW DORMITORY

in Bishnica/Pogradec

BACKGROUND

For economial 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 is impossible because of snow.

Therefore CHW decided to open a dormitory, where the children can live during the week and attend the public school in Bishnicë..

FACTS

- > 8 students
- > Full board
- > 2 apartments
 - (for boys and girls separately)
- > Homework assistance
- > Remedial lessons

STAFF:

2 full time co-workers: Përparim Kasemllari Teuta Topalli

SPECIALS 2000

> Renovation of the building





COMPUTER STUDIO

The NEHEMIA computer studio has existed since Sept. 1992; in this time about 750 people have achieved a diploma.

FACTS:

 > 9 computers
 > Courses in: MS DOS MS Windows MS Word '97 MS Excel '97 Quick Books
 > Last year (2000) 50 people took a diploma

PLANS & VISION:

Courses in

- > MS Office 2000
- > Bookkeeping (Quickbooks)
- > Design & publishing* (Corel Draw 9)
- Video & animation*

*in cooperation with our MediaCenter

OTHER SEMINARS:

- > Training for drums and rhythm> Seminars for doctors and nurses
- (see p. 15) > Driver training for NEHEMIA co-
- workers (see p. 21)

> Seminars for bookkeeping and management (see p. 21)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE COURSES

We offered courses in foreign languages > in Bishnicë by CHW (English,

 In Bisnnice by German)

 > in Pogradec by NEHEMIA (German)

 > in Stropckë by AC (Italian)
 > in Durrës by NEHEMIA (German)

TEACHER'S TRAINING

In cooperation with "Projekt per Arsim" (AGRINAS Foundation) we offered courses and professional training for kindergarten teachers (public kindergarten).

> For the teachers of NEHEMIA school:

> 9 teachers, in a 2-weeks excursion, visited a conference and seminars for further education and specialisation in Germany. (Invited by YWAM, Hurlach)

> The teachers received professional training in seminars offered by "Projekt per Arsim" of AGRINAS Foundation. (Speaker: Albert Hoekstra, Educonsult, Holland)

SCHOOL FOR GERMAN CHILDREN

> The home-schooling for the children of a German missionary family was done until June 2000 by Hannelore and Ulrich Blömeke, who offered their help with their own expenses. Since September 2000 the teaching is done by the German teacher Tanja Hofmann. Sponsor: Freie Christengemeinde Kronach (salary, school materials)

education

computer studio language courses teachers' training seminars









media professional forum



MEDIA CENTER

We found it helpful to use modern means of presentation to support our various projects and to present our message and goals to a wide range of people.

GOALS

> Up-to-date presentation of the work of NEHEMIA Albania

> Production of high-quality teaching materials for all the work branches of NEHEMIA

> Support and help for other mission organizations and churches in Albania and abroad.

Our main goal is to support the Evangelical mission work in Albania.

...for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

The Bible Habbakuk 2,14

PLANS & VISION

- > Employment of Albanian and German co-workers
- > Purchase of modern equipment (Computer, printers, camera, scanners etc.)
- > Computer courses (Corel Draw)> Video production
- (for transmission by private Albanian TV Stations)
- Production of presentation materials for other NGOs and churches

PROGRAM

1) Print design (layout for folders, reports, catalogues, posters etc.)

2) Interactive design (Web pages, interactive CD-s, digital photos etc.)

3) Video production (Professional videos, synchronisation etc.)

Production Layout, printing (up to format A0), video production, etc.

Teaching Computer courses, co-worker training, etc.

Leader: Isolde Flessa (German)

SPECIALS 2000 Production of

- > a professional presentation film (18 min) about NEHEMIA Albania in English and German language
- various presentation materials for NEHEMIA Albania (annual report, flyers, slide shows, exhibition etc.)
- > presentation materials for Nehemia Germany and NGOs working in Albania

OUR LATEST PROJECT: PROFESSIONAL FORUM



PËR KËSHILLIM PROFESIONAL

GOALS

The NEHEMIA professional forum gives advice to a group of local craft and tradesmen and employers. This is done through:

- Information about technical and legal questions
- > Aid in administrative problems like bookkeeping, taxes etc.
- > Contacts to businessmen in Germany
- > Development of visions and reasonable plans for the own business and for public life
- > Teachings about environmental problems, work ethics etc.
- > Encouragement to create work places for young people

The main goal is, to make local businessmen aware of their responsibility towards society, and to "help them to help".



MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION

NEHEMIA Foundation's center of administration is in Pogradec.

Here we care for the legal, financial and organizational affairs of:

- our different projects in Pogradec
- our NEHEMIA branches in Durrës and Gjirokastër
- our member organizations CHW, MNA, AC and CfN
- > General management
- > Central bookkeeping
- > Legal tasks
- > Budgeting
- > Maintenance

STAFF

in Pogradec: General administrator: Flamur Elmasllari (*Albanian*) *Jurist & leader of social work:* Manjola Dojçe (*Albanian*) *Leadership assistant:* Unja Schmidt (*German*) *Assistant administrator:* Dajana Bega (*Albanian*) *Receptionist:* Skenderia Muco (*Albanian*) *Head cook:*

Vasilika Dyrmishi (Albanian) plus: two drivers

four cooks and cleaners two housekeepers

Durrës (office) Erjola Allajbeu, Blerta Cami, Kastriot Hadaj (part time) (Albanians)

Gjirokastër (office) Alketa Lataj Brigitte Weber, Andrea Hasa (Swiss), Gazmend Hasa (Albanian) plus: one driver

CHW

administrator: Ylli Anastasi (Alb.) *plus:* one driver

PLANS & VISION

> Employment of a secretary in Gjirokastër

HOSPITALITY

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

- short term co-workers
- medical teams (of MNA)
- drivers of relief transports
- guest speakers
- evangelisation teams and many others

All of them find a warm reception in the mission bases.

STAFF

In Pogradec: Esther Geiger (German) Sonja Geiger (German)

in Gjirokastër: Liza Nanxhahj (*Albanian*) Rosa Bellwald (*Swiss*)

in Durrës: Alma Sichelschmidt (Swiss)

in Bishnicë: Claudia Hanisch (German) Majlinda Prifti (Albanian)

TRAINING

Nehemia goal is to provide proper training for every co-worker. During the year 2000 the following courses have been taken:

- > Driver training by NEHEMIA staff and a German driving teacher
- > Co-worker training by Arnold Geiger and Albert Hoekstra (see p. 19)
- > 3 time-management seminars in Germany for the NEHEMIA management
- > Bookkeeping seminars for NEHEMIA personnel and staff from other missions
- > Conferences in Germany for co-workers in children ministry
- > 2-weeks seminar for teachers in Germany (see p. 17)

admin^{istration}

ASSISTANCE FOR NGOs

In almost 10 years of continuous work in Albania we achieved a lot of experience, which we also put at others' disposal.

From May 2000, we coordinated the on-site management for the German NGO "German Agro Action", who renovate parts of a school in Pogradec, where a youth center will be established, and renovate buildings in Korçë, We did:

- > project proposals
- > budgeting
- > advice> communication
- to Germany
- staff training (administration)
- > supervision of building work in Pogradec and Korça

For advice and assistance we spent about 250 hours.

PLANS & VISION

> Employment of a full-time teacher for bookkeeping and administration.

management hospitality training assistance











nehemia center

Buçimas



PLANS & VISION



NEHEMIA in Pogradec needs urgently new premises! Many of the projects are crammed into the existing Center, no single room is left for additional activities.

This is a problem especially for the school, which expands more and more.

At the end of 2000 / beginning of 2001 NEHEMIA purchased a big plot of land and a building in Buçimas, a village close to the city of Pogradec.

Here we plan to build a new center, which will be made up of three parts: 1) One group of buildings will include church, social work and guest houses.

2) The education center will have 3 buildings, playground and sports field.

3) A multi purpose hall will be used for public activities and bigger events. Until September 2001, when the next school year starts, we need to have one part finished for additional classrooms.

ACQUISITION OF LAND

> On July 03, 2000 we purchased
2.575 m² of land in the village
Buçimas
> Additional 6.402 m² followed in
February 2001
> An existing building (180 m²) was
bought in January 2001

PLANS: > Purchase of two additional buildings and another plot of land

Existing NEHEMIA Center in Pogradec





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.

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

financ**i**al report



Independent Auditor's Report

To General Assembly Nehemia Albania

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of Nehemia Albania as of 31 December 2000, and the related statements of activities for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of Nehemia Albania's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as discussed in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we 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. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Due to time and personnel limitations, we were unable to visit remote branch offices or verify remote cash balances. Because of these limitations, we were also unable to verify certain fixed asset and humanitarian aid inventory amounts and existence.

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had we been able to visit the remote offices or verify certain asset balances, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Nehemia Albania as of 31 December 2000, and the changes in its net assets for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Michelle J. Mann, CPA Andrea Anthony, CPA

Pogradec, Albania

3 February 2001

Nehemia Albania

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended 31 December 2000

	2000	
Donations - Cash	74.866.837Lek	
Donations - Gifts -in-Kind	20.766.733	
	11.724.389	
Interest Income	32.982	
Other Income	607.209	107 000 100
Total Support and Revenue Notes A, K		107.998.150Lek
EXPENSES		
Books	419.157	
Bank Charges	73.778	
Charity	6.942.385	
Communication	1.460.271	
Depreciation	6.028.981	
Equipment	2.800.372	
Food	2.471.282	
Furnishings	4.733.646	
Hospitality	649.273	
Humanitarian Items Disbursed	12.197.956	
Legal Fees	234.324	
Membership Fees	143.744	
Miscellaneous	779.977	
Office	1.909.025	
Public Relations	7.000	
Rent	1.729.190	
Repairs and Maintenance	6.554.599	
Sports Equipment	293.097	
Staff Salaries and Taxes	19.737.594	
Other Taxes	750.432	
Small Tools	1.114.312	
Transportation/Shipping	1.336.461	
Travel	6.822.104	
Utilities	2.717.586	
Automobiles expences	2.260.523	
Restricted donation expences	506.925	
Total Expenses		84.673.994
OTHER REVENUE AND EXPENSE		
Other Revenue		
Gain on Sale of Assets	166.300	
Project Transfer Income	7.337.177	
Ovehead reimbursement	3.977.535	
Total Other Revenue	11.481.012	
Other Expense		
Loss on Disposal of Assets	207.641	
Currency Exchange Loss	1.048.210	
Project Transfer Expense	7.452.500	
Total Other Expense	8.708.351	
Total Other Revenue and Expense		2.772.661
CHANGE IN NET ASS ETS		26.096.817Lek

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activities

average exchange rate: 67 Lek / 1 DM

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statement of financial position

Nehemia Albania

Statement of Financial Position As of 31 December 2000

As of 31 December 2000		
	31 December 2000	
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash Note F	4.845.686Lek	
Humanitarian Aid Inventory Note I	596.696	
Note Receivable Note B	606.600	
Prepaid Fees	6.646	
Total Current Assets		6.055.628Lek
Fixed Assets Notes C, D, H		
Tools and Machinery	5.440.795	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-2.162.352	
Equipment	2.794.925	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-1.043.424	
Automobiles	18.774.867	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-7.196.799	
Buildings	43.089.068	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-3.847.296	
Total Fixed Ass ets		55.849.784
Land	_	20.496.050
TOTAL ASSETS	=	82.401.462Lek
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Prepaid Tuition	135.000	
Insurance Payable	396.731	
Sales Tax Payable	14.462	
Other Tax Payable	27.875	
Accounts Payable	214.228	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		788.296
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	38.873.132	
Temporarily Restricted	16.643.217	
Change in Net Assets	26.096.817	
TOTAL NET ASSETS	_	81.613.166
TOTAL NET ASSETS AND LIABILITIES	_	82.401.462Lek