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Preparation for ministry

We had the privilege of growing up in strong Christian families where our parents and grandparents were examples of faith and trust in Christ. We learned and received much from them through the years. Both of us accepted Christ and then were baptized at age 16. We both continued growing in our knowledge of Christ and were actively involved in the life and ministry of our local churches and through the children's and youth work organised by the church union.

In January 1995 Darko had the opportunity to work in a Christian evangelical centre in the audio production department, preparing and broadcasting Christian radio programmes, recording Christian CDs and setting up the sound systems for Christian bands. In 2001/2002 God called both of us to study at the Bible School where Lidija had been working for the previous two years.

During three summers we volunteered with *Child Evangelism Fellowship*® and, following our studies at the Bible School, in 2002 we both received the call to join *CEF*® on a full-time basis. We successfully completed the Children's Ministry Leadership Course (CMLC) in Slovakia in 2002/2003 and had a time of practical training (Autumn 2003/Spring 2004) in the Czech Republic, Poland, and Slovakia.

Our ministry so far

While still doing our training, in 2004 our leaders invited us to take over the leadership of *CEF* for Serbia and Montenegro. After several weeks of praying in faith, the verse from Revelations 3:8 encouraged us: "... See, I have set before you an open door ...". We accepted this call from the Lord and in faith we continued moving forward to everything He had prepared for us.

When we received another call from the Lord, we accepted the challenge. In Autumn 2004 we moved to Niš in the south of Serbia and to a new mission field. Enthusiastically we accepted the tasks and challenges placed before us.

We knew that preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to children, as well as building up the local churches through training and equipping, was the way Christ had instructed us to go.

When we saw how many villages and cities there are in central Serbia, and that Montenegro was without evangelical Christians and biblical churches in a completely Orthodox environment, God warmed our hearts with the desire to reach each child in the country for Christ. We asked Him to expand the borders of our work and, in faith, we started the huge project of organising a Children's Ministry Leadership Course for the Balkan countries, which was held in Serbia in 2010/2011. As a result of this training we gained new workers, thus helping to reach a larger number of children in the country.

The number of workers continued to grow and, in order to further develop the ministry, in 2009 God led us to start working on another large project—to have our own camp centre. *CEF* Serbia bought property in central Serbia in the village of Mrčajevci where, for the past 11 years during the summer we have held camps for children and teenagers. Over the years it has been amazing to see the changes in lives of children who have attended the camp and especially to now see their desire as adults to volunteer and to become full-time *CEF* workers.

The growth continued when we received the call from the leadership of *CEF* Europe in 2012 to help start a *CEF* work in Bosnia-Herzegovina, a country

without a CEF ministry. God opened the door and over the next three years Sebastian Edlmann (Area Director for Central Europe) and I visited a large number of pastors. In 2015 we formed a national board, registered *CEF* in the country and a married couple became the first full-time workers. Since then we have been responsible for the *CEF* work in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

A new challenge

We continued to trust God, the only One who can make any growth in ministry possible. Having watched our trust in God throughout ministry, our European leaders called us to a new position—as the assistant to Sebastian Edlmann, the Area Director for Central Europe, with the view to us becoming the leaders of that area in Spring 2021.

This was a surprise for us and came very unexpectedly. We started praying about making such a big decision. We shared it with our closest colleagues in the ministry, church elders, trustworthy friends and leaders in our country and other countries. It was a time of waiting and looking to God. After several months of uncertainty and prayer, in faith and humility we accepted this call.

We are aware of who we are and that without Him we cannot do anything. We need to learn many things but we believe that, as long as we are open, the Lord will equip us and teach us and things will continue to move forward.

Pray for this period before us. The time of deputation and training. That we can build a team of prayer and financial supporters, so that afterwards we can serve through *CEF* in Central Europe.

If you want to be included as a part of our team of friends, our team of supporters, then please contact us using e-mail address below.

Yours for His service,
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