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I. REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES

within 1991 - 1995
A. GENERAL

1. INTRODUCTION

AGAPE, the humanitarian relief and development agency of the Evangelical Church in the Republic of Croatia, was founded on December of 1991, in Zagreb, Croatia. Developing the same humanitarian concerns for war-torn Bosnia & Herzegovina, this institution started its activities in that republic as well. By establishing this organization quickly and effectively, many thousands of refugees and exiles were helped. AGAPE INTERNATIONAL was established by expanding the humanitarian projects from Croatia into the new-born country. AGAPE INTERNATIONAL combines and coordinates humanitarian efforts in both republics.

From the beginning AGAPE has collected, stored, distributed and coordinated the distribution of dry food, baby food, hot meals, used clothing, medicine, medical equipment, second-hand furniture, sheets, covers, school and sports supplies, kitchen appliances, gardening seed, children's toys, as well as many other things that a refugee family, having left everything behind, may need.

Meanwhile, the leadership and volunteers working in AGAPE, have noticed some other aspects of helping refugees that are as important as the founding ones. The social aspects of AGAPE have become very complicated, for each individual project takes much more time and effort.

On the other hand, the deliveries food and clothing, despite growing in quantity, are taking less time. This is possible due to the growing experience of our coordinators. But we still continue our requests for more food and clothing. We need not only food and clothing, however, but hygienic and other quality goods to help in the daily needs of an average family.
2. THE PURPOSE AND THE GOALS

AGAPE INTERNATIONAL, the humanitarian relief agency of the Evangelical Church in the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Bosnia & Herzegovina, has as its goal the encouragement humanitarian, as well as, development activities. Another goal is to help people understand and see the biblical teaching and Christian behavior of helping one's neighbor. AGAPE INTERNATIONAL is a nonprofit, independent and non-governmental humanitarian organization (NGO), with the rights and regulations given by the legal documentation.

The general idea is to bring out the potential in Christians of the Protestant and Reformed churches. By going to the public and taking part of social responsibility, the church has a chance to strengthen its identity and self-esteem. That way the church is ready to face greater challenges, such as new government, postwar economical and spiritual recovery, and the process of reconciliation.

The purpose of this humanitarian relief is to help Christians to wake up after a passive time under communism in which they were not able (or willing) to do anything outside of the church. The aim is to encourage them in vision and to coordinate and complete the projects in which they are involved.

Circumstantial reasons for establishing AGAPE INTERNATIONAL:

♦ Help the needy materially: old, sick, handicapped, poor, refugees, exiled, lonely, orphaned, spiritually oppressed, and all the other needing physical or spiritual aid
♦ Encourage evangelical activities for the purpose of a spiritual renewal
♦ Offer religious education and introduce a religious culture through the media (magazines, books, radio and television)
♦ Encourage the reconciliation between individuals as well as between different groups of people
♦ Offer social help to women and women's organizations
♦ Offer spiritual and psycho-social help

AGAPE INTERNATIONAL helps in the following ways:
Directs spiritual or material aid to the needy
Coordinates extension offices and various projects in different churches and church institutions for more effective aid to the needy
Establishes and organizes mission teams, groups and individuals in the places where the need is greatest
Collects the basic materials and financial necessities in order to offer better help
Stores, files, schedules and distributes material (food, clothing, medicine, etc.) directly to receivers
Founded an orphanage, home for aged and other similar institutions
Opened the counseling centers for people damaged by postwar psychological stress
Visitation to prisoners held in detention centers and prisons
Organizes free time for people in refugee camps
Organizes evening school for the refugees (language classes)
Organizes transportation of humanitarian relief

3. DESCRIPTION

Without any special activities related to fund raising, AGAPE INTERNATIONAL has collected and distributed humanitarian relief and developed different projects over the past five years. The main aim is to help those who are victims of the war and bring them their daily bread. Likewise, our goal is to bring them heavenly, eternal bread: Bread Of Life.

The main task of the office in Osijek is to estimate quantity and quality of the needs in particular places or regions, coordinate donors and their help worldwide to extension offices in Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina, and distribute this help equally. Independence of the individual offices encourages the ideas of regional teams and allows them to make use of their local workers and facilities. Thus, the aim of the central office is to coordinate and direct humanitarian activities.
Distribution is done directly so it does not go through a third party humanitarian organization. This way we are able to correctly coordinate the use of the donations received.

4. STATEMENT OF FAITH

Agape’s statement of faith can be found in the Lausanne Covenant.

5. REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Over the period between 1991 and 1995, the main activities of this humanitarian organization have been the following:

- stability of income and distribution of the help
- continuity of the projects
- reaching the territories where the help is needed
- improvement of the work
- organizational development

At the beginning of 1994, changes have been made that were necessary in order to keep up with projects at that time. It was also necessary due to increased personnel in the regional extension offices, especially in Bosnia & Herzegovina.

The increase in relief coming in is well prepared for and we are ready to respond. It is important to mention that regional coordinators are mostly pastors, so that the work is voluntary without previous experience in similar work.

Large amounts of aid were well structured and there were packed articles sent by specialized European government agencies. Likewise, the timing was correctly planned so that reception, storage, and distribution of aid could go on continuously. In analyzing the work over the past few years we can say that all projects were done well and on time. The many testimonies and praise that are received by our regional offices and regions speak best of such.
Our goal is to open extension offices in places where they do not yet exist. Opening an office as part of a local church motivates church members to help in the humanitarian and social aid, in evangelism and in similar activities. Results are best seen in members who become active in organization. Regional boards work to continue the disciplined work, even after the initial excitement.

Long-term effects of this work are public recognition in seeing the church as an important social and humanitarian institution. This has opened many doors as people realized Evangelical Churches are not really exclusive clubs in which you must be member, but are organizations ready to open up and help people around them. This opening has helped churches in changing their thinking and behavior, making them practice their Christian beliefs. It has been obvious that the humanitarian and voluntary work has brought freshness, zeal and joy into the life of local churches.

AGAPE is present in over 103 cities in Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina. Smaller amounts of relief have been distributed (either money or material) to individuals or organizations in about ten different counties of the countries in the Balkans and Eastern Europe. Aid has been sent to the following: Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina (Serbian, Croatian, and Bosnian part), Albania, Belorusia, Bulgaria, Montenegro, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldavia, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, Serbia, Ukraine, Vojvodina.

6. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

AGAPE INTERNATIONAL is organized in two countries: Republic of Croatia and Republic of Bosnia & Herzegovina. There are twenty-four extension offices that are led by local coordinators. There are five regional offices in the following places:

-in Croatia

- Slavonia and Baranja, located in Osijek
- Zagreb’s region, located in Zagreb
- Istria, Kvarner and Dalmatia, located in Rijeka
- in Bosnia & Herzegovina
  - Herzegovina, located in Mostar (west),
  - Bosnia, located in Mostar (east)

The Founder of AGAPE INTERNATIONAL is:

Evangelical church in the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Bosnia & Herzegovina

Partners at the Main Board are following:

- Church of Christ in the Republic of Croatia and
- Reformed Church in the Republic of Croatia

Close cooperation with other evangelical churches are:

- Baptist church alliance in the Republic of Croatia
- Church of Christ's brotherhood in the Republic of Croatia
- Church of Christ in the Republic of Croatia

AGAPE INTERNATIONAL has a close relationship with other Protestant humanitarian organizations as well:

*My neighbor*, Zagreb, *Dušovna svjedočanstvo*, Zagreb; *Lutheran World Federation*, Zagreb; *Life center*, Crikvenica; *than ADRA*, Zagreb; *Caritas*, Zagreb; *Merhamet*, Zagreb; *Red cross*, Zagreb; Red Crescent, Zagreb; *European community*. AGAPE is also working with some humanitarian agencies of different European countries. AGAPE is therefore member of the *Croatian humanitarian network*. Every three months we meet with representatives of UNCHR, as well as with *Government Department for the refugees in the Republic of Croatia*.

The Main committee of the AGAPE INTERNATIONAL includes the following:

**President:** Dr. Peter Kuzmič, President of the Presbytery of the Evangelical church in the Republic of Croatia, Director of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Osijek, Croatia, professor at the Gordon Conwell, South Hamilton, MA,
President of the Theological Commission WEF, President of the Protestant Evangelical Alliance in Croatia;

Chief Executive Officer: Antal Balog, Business manager of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Osijek, Chief Executive officer for IZVORI, Publishing house in Osijek, previous duties: Vice-president of the City government for economic affairs and development in G. Polje, Project director of 42 capital investments, Bankruptcy estate manager in the district economic court in Bjelovar, Professor of economics and organization;

Vice-president for Croatia: Mr. Damir Špoljarić, vice-president of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Osijek, member of the Executive board of the Evangelical church in the Republic of Croatia;

Vice-president for the Bosnia and Herzegovina: Nikola Škrinjaric, member of the Executive board of the Evangelical church in Bosnia and Herzegovina;

Main Treasurer: Pavao Mugiš, vice-president of the Executive board of the Evangelical church in the Republic of Croatia, Pastor of the Evangelical church “Good News” in Osijek, Croatia;

Other members of the Executive board are following:
- Endre Langh, bishop of Reformed church in Croatia;
- Josip Jendričko, superintendent for Church of Christ in the Republic of Croatia;
- Samuel Baksa, regional director for Slavonia and Baranja;
- Milan Špoljarić, regional director for Istria, Kvarner and Dalmatia, vice-president of the Evangelical church in the Republic of Croatia, pastor of the Evangelical church in Rijeka;
- Karmelo Kresonja, regional director for Herzegovina, pastor of the Evangelical church in Mostar;
- Stojković Slobodan, B.A. in agricultural;
- Dr. Zdravko Klešček.
Extensions of AGAPE INTERNATIONAL are coordinated by the local church committees. Committees exist at each local church, with the local coordinator of AGAPE representing the Executive committee to local AGAPE. They are in charge of making all necessary decisions. The local coordinator is also a member of the regional humanitarian coordination board.

When organizing a project, project coordinators are selected who work voluntarily until the project is completed. Likewise, there is a Counseling Board which meets during project preparation, and then again later if needed. The Counseling Board is formed from the experts on the project to plan and implement it.

The executive board of AGAPE meets once a month. A quartile report is given to the Executive Presbytery of the Evangelical church, and once a year an annual report is given to Committee of the Evangelical church in the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Presbytery of the Evangelical Church in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, together with some other members of Executive board of various Christian denominations, oversees the work of AGAPE.

All extension offices are organized regionally. The coordinator of the extension office coordinates the work of the offices of that region. This way it takes overwhelming work from the main office in Osijek, depending of how much the regional coordinator can carry.

Warehouses in the places where extension offices are based are being used without cost (except for the town of Ploče). Local companies or local city government give the facilities for a limited time. Meanwhile, AGAPE pays any bills, as well as handles any repairs that are needed to be done while AGAPE uses the facilities.

Transportation is organized by countries from western and northern Europe. Local distribution is organized with private trucks or vans, or by specific companies asked for assistance. From time to time different transportation companies are asked to bring the aid in on their way back from their assignment in western Europe. Lately we were forced to use train transportation in order to get the aid
from ship to our warehouse. Sometimes the Government Office for Refugees agrees to pay the transportation expenses, but in that case we must share the relief materials with them as well.

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B. PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

1. THE MATERIAL CARE

a) Distribution of food packages

Over the last five years one of the most important project was distribution of food packages with hygienic items to the refugees, to the exiles, to people on social care and to others that are in need. In Croatia last year there was a total of 450 000 refugees, and in some periods even 650 000, while in Bosnia there is about 2 million misplaced. The average number of refugees being helped by AGAPE is about 40,300 people. At this moment our small group of volunteers are working on a project that will cover around 11,5% of the needy people in the Republic of Croatia.

The selection of beneficiaries is made in cooperation with the local governmental offices of social affairs, and with representatives of regional UNHCR. The AGAPE Executive committee does its best in covering the needs of all groups represented in that region. The help is evenly distributed to the Croatians, Serbs and Muslims.

AGAPE is one of the first organizations that felt the need to reach out to the third group of within the population, the Muslims. Since this kind of need has been growing, AGAPE has found it necessary to act to help. Even though most of the help that came in was addressed to the first two groups, with additional appeals we succeeded in providing help to this group as well.

The type and quantity of the food parcels is decided in agreement with humanitarian coordinators in that area, where they decide on what and how much will be delivered depending on family members. During the distribution of the food and hygienic items, those receiving monthly aid will have their ID’s marked so that they cannot go to other humanitarian organizations take another package in the same month.

Articles distributed by AGAPE are received from foreign donors who are contacted regularly. Therefore, articles are not being
redistributed from other humanitarian organizations in Croatia, so they are not distributing something given to another organization. AGAPE is final distributor of the humanitarian relief all the way to the user.

Although this activity has been organized voluntarily over the past five years. Any signs of tiredness have not been too great to finish the humanitarian activities. Volunteers are not selected from the church members only, but 3/4 are beneficiaries themselves. Each working group has an core, but the other 4/5 is made up of volunteers who change monthly.

A monthly four-member family parcel contains the following:

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<tr>
<th>a) Food:</th>
<th>Spaghetti</th>
<th>2,00 kg</th>
<th>Sugar</th>
<th>2,00 kg</th>
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<td></td>
<td>Tee/coffee</td>
<td>0,25 kg</td>
<td>Canned fish</td>
<td>0,50 kg</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Dry soup</td>
<td>0,20 kg</td>
<td>Flower</td>
<td>3,00 kg</td>
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<td>Beans</td>
<td>1,00 kg</td>
<td>Yeast</td>
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<td>Milk powder</td>
<td>2,00 kg</td>
<td>Chocolate</td>
<td>0,20 kg</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Cooking oil</td>
<td>2,00 lit</td>
<td>Canned meat</td>
<td>1,00 kg</td>
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<td>Salt</td>
<td>1,00 kg</td>
<td>Rice</td>
<td>2,00 kg</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Corn flakes</td>
<td>1,00 kg</td>
<td>Fruit juice powder</td>
<td>1,00 kg</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Vitamin C</td>
<td>1 bottle</td>
<td>Multi vitamins</td>
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<th>b) Hygienic:</th>
<th>Laundry soap</th>
<th>2,00 kg</th>
<th>Toothpaste</th>
<th>0,10 kg</th>
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<td></td>
<td>Tooth brush</td>
<td>1 piece</td>
<td>Soap</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Toilet paper</td>
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<td>Shampoo</td>
<td>2,00 lit</td>
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<td>2 packages</td>
<td>Dish soap</td>
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The sales price for one food package, weighing 20 kg, is estimated at about $50. The sales price of one package of hygienic items of 7 kg would come to about $20. This amount is found to be sufficient for average four-member family to cover their minimum monthly needs.

b) Hot kitchen

Through this project in Osijek, Croatia, we have tried to help those who are not capable of or do not have the facilities for preparing their own meals. Therefore, this help reaches and helps refugees that are in this area temporarily.
Selection is completed in cooperation with the Center for Social Care. With some limitations, after the number is fulfilled, people are put on a waiting list. A large number of the beneficiaries are only on their way to a third country, so that waiting list is active.

The beneficiaries receive an official card on which is written the number of family members using the aid. Also, the card indicates if food has been received or not. Our workers indicate the same in our formal checking book. The food is then taken home and the meal is shared with the family.

At the beginning of the project people hesitated to come or sent their children for food. It is understandable, since before the war, all of them had jobs or private farms with which they had been able to provide for their family. In losing that they were hit with the shocking situation that they would have to live by charity. All of our volunteers have received detailed information on how to approach beneficiaries. It is especially hard for our workers to know how to handle false accusations.

We are able to distribute daily 1200 hot meal portions of about 0.5 liters at four locations, consisting 15 dkg. of meat, salad and bread. The price for one portion, prepared by the local company, is around $1,10 even though value of the dollar dropped. This amount covers transportation, storage, and any other expenses within this project. Since the beginning in December 1992, this project has been able to help over a million people at an estimated cost of $1.12 million.

c) Distribution of used clothing

Choosing the appropriate clothing takes longer than most other things. It is not easy even when it is all sorted on the storehouse shelves. But when there is just a pile of clothing in a smaller place, to find article for specific weather, sex, age, color and taste causes a much greater problem. It is especially hard when there is a timetable on how long they have to choose the clothing. We have often received clothing that was not sorted or selected, so we face the problem of people, due to the lack of time, picking
items up that do not fit and then throwing them away. We doing our best in solving that problem through presorting all clothing that comes in.

Each beneficiary receives monthly a ticket with the time and date of when to come in and select clothing. On the day before the clothing being chosen is sorted by its kind (pants, sweatshirts, shirts, coats), which makes easier on housewives to decided in 15-20 minutes what her family needs. We allow groups of 4-8 people to come in at a time, depending on how big the warehouse is, to select clothing. This way we have been able to make the clothing more readily available to the needy and are able to reduce the throwing of clothing around.

2. MEDICAL CARE

This project consists of services such as collecting, transportation, storage, and distribution of medicine, medical equipment and orthopedic equipment, as well as special medical care.

a) Distribution of medicine and medical equipment

Unfortunately, during the first few months after the war started, several irresponsible individuals and organizations from western Europe sent about 2,000 tons of medicines that were expired and useless. Some of medicine was toxic as well. To destroy all of those chemicals cost the Croatian government $9,6 per kilogram, or total of 20 million US$. For this reason there are now strict rules concerning reception and distribution of medicine and medical equipment.

AGAPE has, therefore, decided to provide only ordered donations to specific hospitals. Following a previously approved list, the medicine and medical equipment will be accepted only if the date of expiration is stated, as well as the history of the medicine. In these cases the custom was coordinated by the State Health
Department in the Republic of Croatia. Some donations came from Christians and local churches who wanted to get rid of unused medicine but with an expired date, so we were not able to accept them. Another problem was that directions written in various European languages so many people could not use them properly. These kind of donations brought out the problem of one-time usage and so the therapy would not be completed. Closer attention to detail has made it possible for many to be given essential medication.

b) Specialized medical care

Along with local specialized medical institutions we have organized medical care for people that cannot move and do no have relatives or anyone else to take care of them. They need someone to continue the care of washing, changing and cleaning of wounds, because often they are completely bed-ridden. These people are usually psychologically damaged as well and have extremely bad hygienic and living conditions.

At the present time, medical institutions are still trying to adjust to new populations in very poor living conditions. While the country, or rather the government, is still concerned about defense and the problem of large numbers of refugees, they have unfortunately forgotten about the needs of this small neglected society. In this way we feel we have helped, for even if it is a small number, it is still an important part of the present need that has been forgotten.

c) Orthopedic equipment

Foreign donors have been a great help to us in sending various orthopedic equipment, such as: vehicles for the handicapped, crutches, missing parts to equipment, plastic legs or hands, etc.

Tens of thousands of people wounded in the war (civilians or military) have requested this kind of equipment. We have realized
that many institutions who were providing in that area before the war, can no longer furnish such services. The war hit this area hard so we have tried to reach out to provide the important equipment.

3. SOCIAL CARE

a) Care for orphans

Due to the awful circumstances of war, a number the children have been left without parents. Therefore, we have decided to open an Christian Center for the care of orphans “OAZA” in Rovinj, Croatia. We also helped a similar orphanage in Virovitica, Croatia. Our help consisted of donations of food, clothing, money, and legal administration. The procedure of these places consists of the children (some even picked from the street) going through medical, social and emotional recovery. Over a period of between one to three years, the same children are placed in Christian homes who take care of them (but do not adopt them).

The work of these institutions is in association with the local centers of social care in Croatia. The children usually come from very unsettled family situations, such as: children whose parents both died in the war and have no other relatives to take care of them, children of drug-addicts, alcoholics, prostitutes (without a father present), and children from extremely poor families (we have had children that were bitten by rats while asleep), etc.

b) Home for aged

In cooperation with the Christian humanitarian organization of the Evangelical Church “IHTUS” from Pula, we have repaired and opened a home for about 50 homeless old people. The selection was made by looking at those who are refugees with no relatives and who had lost all of their possession being in the war.

Due to the war, these people will never be able to return to their homes, but they need a place to peacefully spend the last days
of their lives. The food and other necessities are provided by the Republic's Department for Refugees and Exiles. The logistical program is run, however, by "IHTUS".

The physical and mental condition of these people are very poor. Most of them are in need of continuous professional psychological care which "IHTUS" can provide only periodically.

c) The Prison Ministry

In agreement with the State Department of Justice, we were able to organize continuous weekly visits to some of the largest prisons in Croatia: Bjelovar, Požega, Lepoglava, etc. This way prisoners are helped in their momentary living circumstances. Our volunteers are helping them face freedom and to influence them in making decisions to live a new life after release.

The prison ministry consists of counseling and educating the imprisoned and help in finding employment after they are released. Many times, when talking to our workers, individuals find a direction for their future profession. In the meantime, they are introduced to the need of spiritual recovery and salvation.

d) Recovery and work therapy for ex-drug addicts and alcoholics

In our conversation with the refugees who receive our family packages, we are able to find out some of their problems as well. Similar situations exist in Split in Dalmatia, where there is a large number of young people using drugs in the elementary and high schools. At this time there is a great problem in Croatia with youth using drugs. The police, social services and churches are doing the best to save these kids.

At the request of parents, our pastor of the Evangelical Church in Split has started successfully treating young people who want to
be free from addiction. Recently, we were able to provide a farm “MUĆ” close to the town of Split. It is coordinated by the internationally known organization “Teen Challenge”. At the farm we will be able to organize work therapy for ex-addicts. Likewise, in Zagreb there is an Eastern Europe Outreach Training center, where our workers will be trained for this kind of work. In Pula, we also have a similar center.

e) Social counseling

In addition to all that has been already mentioned, we have organized a service to the refugees to help them in the following: employment, legal administration in providing documents, intervention in divided families, help in housing the homeless, help with the enforcing of rights in social care, etc. Very often people that need help from the Social Care Department are unable to acquire it, due to lack of knowledge in such matters.

4. PSYCHOLOGICAL CARE

a) Vacation for children

During the period of the war in Croatia and Bosnia, many children never left their town because their parents were engaged by work, in the military, or simply had a lack in finances. Since the war, many children have felt a special kind of exhaustion. At the Clinic for Children’s Psychology, in Osijek, evaluations showed that, in the areas where fighting was the greatest, about 40% of the children between ages 2 - 15, within only a year after the war had ceased have one or two typical post-war syndromes. Two or three years later, the number of children reaches the 70% of the above mentioned population.

In response to this, we send four groups of children from Mostar (BH) go on vacation to the Adriatic sea every summer. Two groups of children from Osijek to go to the mountains in northern Italy. Most of the children are very young and, especially the children from Mostar, do not even remember anything other than

war and expect the sound of a shell exploding with each minute. We see it as a great honor that the people from Mostar (not even Christians) trust us enough to put their children under our care.

Likewise, every summer, we organize three camps in Orahovica, Croatia, for the following ages: children up to 8 years old; children from 8 to 13 years old; and for teenagers from 14 to 18 years old. Each camp lasts 8 days and average attendance is 120 people. Children will spend the morning educationally, and in afternoon they are taken to the local lake to swim.

Each of these projects are supported by individual donors for a total of $290 000.

b) Women’s ministry

In most of the AGAPE extension offices a fellowship for women has been organized. The meetings are not primarily religious, but instead give the women a chance to share in fellowship and discuss the grief of losing possessions, employment, members of their family, or their past life-styles.

Refugees are usually locked in and the community seldom accepts them, so this kind of fellowship is of great importance for psychological well-being. While women have time for talk, with tea and coffee served, there are playgrounds organized for their children.

c) Psychological service to the war victims

There are only two specialized clinics in Croatia where the mentally disoriented can look for help. Usually the reason for their suffering comes from a continuous dwelling on their war-time activities. One of these clinics is in Zagreb, and the other one is in Osijek.

After we learned that the Children’s Clinic was still based in the hospital’s basement, we decided to help in the reconstruction of the damaged facilities and to help with providing furniture as well.
Likewise, we also try to help with didactic supplies, such as: picture books, Christmas packages, and other such materials.

d) Vacation for adults

In cooperation with the Department for Refugees in the Republic of Croatia, we organize a winter vacation for people mentally exhausted on the northern coast of the Adriatic sea. Our part is to cover travel expenses.

In the quiet surroundings of the Life Center in Crikvenica, with the specialized help, these people who are suffering the psychological devastation of being refugees can embrace rest and recovery.

5. SPIRITUAL CARE

a) Spiritual care for refugees placed in camps

Our specialized workers are able to reach people in a few refugee camps on regular basis. Living in these camps is especially difficult when there are 12 people sharing an area as small as 30 m². It would be easier if it was just one family, but often two or three families live together, with no past attachments, sometimes with even different cultural backgrounds. Families often put up a sheet to separate the room and give at least a little privacy.

In these conditions: no family privacy, lack of purpose for living, separated from loved ones, lack of personal identifications, and worse, with no job, the spiritual and psychological care is essential, but usually out of reach. Gossip, debate on the war situation and other political topics usually causes these people to be worn out. Due to the lack of work and boredom, some people turn to criminal acts such as, stealing and forced prostitution which become part of daily life.

In this area the biggest problem is lack of people trained to provide activities for adults. They must be knowledgeable in the
language and cultural. Finding activities for younger people is fairly easy, but for older people it is a greater problem. After all, adults are not used to the free time.

b) Distribution of the Christian literature

Over the last few years some specific donations have helped us to print "IZVORI", a magazine for spiritual growth, "RADOST", a Christian magazine for women, and "LATICA", a Christian magazine for children. The magazines are sent throughout Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina. The magazines are usually sent to elementary and high school libraries, public libraries, refugee camps, radio stations and city halls. According to our estimations, about 110,000 people are being reached through our publications.

AGAPE has also organized the distribution of free literature, such as: the New Testament and the Gospels individually (Mark, John, Luke and Acts). In Croatia we were able to systematically spread the Good News by distributing about 700,000 different Christian publications. Taking into consideration the fact that over the past fifty years any religious introduction was forbidden by the Communist government, this project has made an great impact on the spiritual revival in this part of the world.

c) Christian radio programs for refugees

For the past three years, we have been able to record our programs at the radio station in Našice, Croatia, without cost. Because of this we were able to send out our Christian programs and cover about 65% of the radio stations in Croatia. The programs are interesting for all kinds of people, but they are especially aimed at those in refugee circumstances. The program is on air weekly and lasts for 25 minutes. For three years now, the programs have been prepared by volunteers and the broadcast is free.

The programs are arranged to interest young people with contemporary Christian music and with a short and up to date message. It has been accepted very well and we receive many letters
showing us appreciation. These letters come not only from those who listen, but from many radio editors asking to broadcast our programs more often (we broadcast once week) and asking for the message to be longer as well. By our estimation, about 120 000 people are listening to our program, which totals 30% of the target areas population.

5. MISCELLANEOUS CARE

a) Providing the vegetable seed

In this project we want to help the families who receive a minimum of help in food and clothing, but do not have any work to do. By giving a family some vegetables to raise they ae helped psychologically as well as economically. The family members are able to use their time productively and in this way their self-esteem grows.

We have helped over 9 000 families in Slavonia, Croatia, to supply their own vegetables. The extra products are being sold at the local marketplace and so the families are helped financially also. Besides all this, there is a agricultural expert that helps in farming methods. The same families now have seeds for next year ready to grow.

b) Other activities

Once in a while we will transport, with our own vehicles, humanitarian relief for some other organizations or associations.

Also we have organized English language classes for children and other young people in the refugee camps.

Occasionally, we help groups and organizations whose service is to aid in the finding of missing family members.

1. MATERIAL EVALUATION

   a) Help in food

   Between 1991 -1995 AGAPE was able to distribute 6,413 tons of dry food. The food was distributed in form of family packages, approximately 20 kg for a family of four. In corporation with the local humanitarian committees, we have established regulations controlled by the number of family members. Meanwhile, we took into consideration the needs of children younger than three years old. For those who have children in the school we have tried helped with some school supplies. A family that receives a food package from AGAPE cannot go to any other organization to receive the same that month. For that reason, we have had good contact with other humanitarian organizations about the food packages so that there will not being any competition or misunderstanding. We would rather cooperate and help each other in this important work.

   During this time, we distributed about 350,000 family packages, which is 87,000 per year, or an average of 7,500 monthly. Our estimates show that AGAPE helps about 30,000 people monthly in Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina.

   The largest amount of relief is distributed in Croatia since the war began here first. It was also much easier to reach the needy in Croatia, especially at the time when Croatia hosted over 600,000 refugees and exiles from Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina.

   Herzegovina is also easier to reach, so that was the target of all relief for the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. On the other hand, transportation to the central Bosnia has been impossible, especially during the Croatian-Muslim war.

   During the year 1995, AGAPE distributed 674 tons of dry food, which is 11% of the total relief distributed. This is less than we need
# REVIEW ON RECEIVED AID IN FOOD

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to send and we have experienced a crisis recently is due donors becoming tired of sending help for five years.

b) Help in clothing

AGAPE distributed about 2,000 tons of used clothing over the past five years. It needs to be mentioned that 20% of the refugee population expected to return to their houses in a short period of time and therefore they did not take any winter clothing. Likewise, there are a number of refugees who could not take anything with them but the barest of necessities. I personally saw a person swimming across the river Dunav, barefoot, coming to us for help. Often we need to take in the refugee for the first ten days and take care of their needs, before they receive the official papers needed to be helped by government. Many came back to give us thanks and said that those who gave help right away helped a hundred times more than anyone else. Donations of used clothing did not ceased in 1995, but continued with a 20% covering.

c) Other humanitarian relief

Here we include everything else that was not covered in previous projects: sheets and blankets, furniture, medical equipment, medicine and similar items.

The total of this kind of distributed aid is 1,651 tons and, in 1995 alone, there was 294 tons, or 18% of the total distributed help. Here the biggest impact and importance is in medicine and medical equipment. If there is of lack of food or clothing, there are other ways to replace it, but a lack in medicine may cost someone's life. Therefore, the real value of this kind of relief can never be adequately shown.

d) Total of material humanitarian help

AGAPE has received and distributed total of 10,000 tons of different articles (food, clothing or other). If this were being
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** Value of medicine given to the hospital in Osijek in Slavonia (November, 1991)
*** Extension office in Zagreb has received 15 hospitals, weighing 218 tons and valued at $3.5 million
### REVIEW ON TOTAL OF RELIEF IN KIND RECEIVED

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transported all at once it would be a convoy of 50 kilometers or 30 miles.

During 1995, the total of distributed relief was 1,366 tons valued at 2.47 million US$. These numbers show best the decline in aid received. The grand total of distributed help in 1995 is less by 14% compared to other years.

2. FINANCIAL EVALUATION

a) Warehouses

Since the beginning, AGAPE has done its best to keep overhead low. Financial donations have always been rare. One of the major expenses is the payment of warehouse expenses and in the coordination of the humanitarian relief.

Warehouses in Croatia are valued at $35 per m² and in some of the places where UNPROFOR arrived the prices have been raised even higher than that. In comparison, the prices of warehouses in Mostar and other Herzegovina locations come to $10 per m².

The strong decision that AGAPE would not pay for warehouse usage shows AGAPE's appreciation to its donors. In the talks with possible donors, AGAPE leaders stated clearly that the workers are not paid and that they use their own private cars for the work purposes. Often we have received warehouses in perfect condition with large parking places and guards, sometimes even with 24 hour guards.

Over the past five years the total value of the warehouse use, with discount, is less than $600,000. In 1995 only, the value was raised another $140,000. The average size of a warehouse is 5000 m².

We need to mention here of the free spedition services, free train transportation, and free marketing at the radio and TV stations. These services are not even close to the rent of warehouses, but the value of same comes to at least $30,000.
### REVIEW OF THE VALUE WAREHOUSES FOR THE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

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| Structure in % | 24.04 | 0.20 | 112.7 | 25.89 | 94.02 | 22.80 | 86.15 | 26.84 | 83.13 | 24.26 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

* The price for using warehouses has been established as an average here, with a discount of 40 %.

** AGAPE International is not paying rent for warehouses (except for Ploče) but it is contribution made by the city government.
## REVIEW ON THE VALUE OF VOLUNTARY WORK IN HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES

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* The monthly value of an qualified worker in warehouse will amount to $370 (including taxes and med ins.) This amount is 60% an of average salary in Croatia.

This amount was not paid but shows the value of contributions of volunteers.
b) Value of the voluntary work

The various AGAPE projects ask for the help of a number of volunteers. The number changes from month to month as does the total number of hours they put in. The working hours go from 1-2 hours up to 15-16 hours, depending on daily requirements. Basing it on the average of $185 per month, plus another $185 legal expense, the total value of voluntary work is worth for about 2 million in US$. In 1995 alone the value was $500,000. We need to list in here that the average Croatian salary, with taxes and fees, is $650. In reference to that the total value of the voluntary work comes to 4 million US$. Because the Croatian KUNA is overvalued in the European market local prices are much higher than in other European countries.

c) Total value on the humanitarian work

Total value on the humanitarian work for the refugees, in period between 1991-1995, is over 25 million US$.

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<td>Warehouse value</td>
<td>593,320</td>
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<td>Grand total</td>
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By the previous chart, we can see that the most valuable donations were in material (85 %), and the rest in voluntary work (7.22 %), financial donations (6.21 %) and warehouse value (2.02 %).

The cost of the administrative work in all extension offices does not go over $200,000 for all of these years. Taking into consideration all the income and donations, estimated administrative expenses are less than 1%. Those expenses are mostly for fuel that is spent, postage and phone expenses, occasional one-time gifts to volunteers, as well as one-time help to their families (surgeries, reconstruction of damaged houses, providing medical equipment, etc.)

The main part of the money spent is for buying the dry food supplies. In some situations we needed to buy particular articles in order to complete the families’ monthly packages. It would usually be flower, salt, macaroni and, before Autumn, some fresh potatoes.

We have learned it is much cheaper to buy some of the hygienic items in Croatia. This is because some international humanitarian organizations do not need to pay taxes on such purchases and this also saves on transportation. Due to this, some donors decide to buy such items here in Croatia and escape the complicated logistics of these matters and at the same time help local industry.

The expenses of the particular projects are usually covered by donors with indicated requests.

Whenever possible we try to avoid transportation expenses, but occasionally we have to pay them. Since this is a church humanitarian organization, we have always requested, and most of the time received, a discount of 30%-50%.

Our volunteers are receive very little for their labor. In some case, when we a new extension where there is no local church, we need to employ a man on full salary. Since some of the duties are risky, we needed to make sure our employees have a solid income. The working hours are usually no less than 14 hours a day, seven days a week. The variety of spiritual and humanitarian work, the social care, and the psychological support they have to provide is a
# Review of the Total Value of Relief Work

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<th>Clothing Donations</th>
<th>Other Material Donations</th>
<th>Total Donations in Kind (1+2+3)</th>
<th>Cash Donations</th>
<th>Storage Value</th>
<th>Value of Volunteer Work</th>
<th>Summary (A+B+C+D)</th>
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<td>1,407,930 USD</td>
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*Here the amount 118,677 USD, that EPA I, EEA transferred directly to suppliers of fish meals in Cuajutla has been added.*
reason that our workers begin to feel tired. They often feel guilty if they take two or three days off, and usually we have to force them to go on break.

On the other hand, people who are overly tired can easily make mistakes as well. For that reason we were forced to ask some of our workers on the front-line to take 10-15 days vacation. The highest salary is never over $300 per month. Likewise, we help the people who regularly distribute the food with the amount of $70-$100 per month.

The one time amounts are usually given to families that find themselves in sudden and unsolvable problems. Help in such cases usually varies from $30 to a few hundred. Each case is analyzed, filed, checked and approved by the AGAPE Board.

Fund raising is not taking place at all, except in our three publications. Everything is based upon voluntary activities.
D. REPORT ON THE WORK IN 1995

Our income for humanitarian relief in 1995 has been much poorer than previous years. We find that donors become tired of sending aid to the same place for such a long time. Also, with the coming peace in the area, they often think there is less need.

1. TOTAL ON VALUE OF THE HUMANITARIAN WORK IN 1995

In 1995, there were about 673 tons of relief received and distributed, worth a total of 3.4 million US$. 39.8% of donations were food items, which made it more valuable. It was so valuable because, while many other humanitarian organizations had the problem of a food scarcity, refugees were still unsettled and had no incomes to provide necessities for their families.

We had about 398 tons of clothing to be distributed, all valued at about $460,000. In an overall evaluation, this relief covers just 13% and a decline is quite obvious.

We provided about 300 tons or $600,000 of other aid ourselves, which makes up 17% of the total. The total material aid weighed 1,400 tons and was worth 2.5 million US$.

Our work in obtaining warehouses in 1995 was valued $150,000 and the total value of volunteer work was about $450,000. The grand total of these two activities is $600,000 or about 17% of the total income in year of 1995. Therefore AGAPE locally provides for a significant amount of its funds, and does not simply count only on outside donations.

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<td>Total of help (A+B+C)</td>
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The category of "other aid", worth $601,280 can considered as a local contribution by AGAPE. Since the local help of this kind comes up to 16.58%, we can say that the AGAPE personnel and leadership contributed 1/6 of the donations of 1995.

The list of the main donors of 1995, listed chronologically, are shown below (only contributions over $1,000.00 are listed):

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(1) Contribution directly given to the office in Tuzla and (2) Rovinj.
(3) An amount that LWF directly paid the company who prepare food for the Hot Kitchen of AGAPE in Osijek, Croatia.

The structure of the total expenses of 1995 was as follows:

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<td>Expense of various projects</td>
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2. CONCLUSION

Over this year we have continued last year's humanitarian work in kind and in quantity. When all is said and done, we can be very satisfied by the accomplishments over this year, especially taking in account the lack of donations we received for Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina. With the approaching peace of the area, our humanitarian organization needs to restructure its activities into projects of redevelopment and re-integration.

Gal 6,10: "... whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all,..."
II. PROGRAM

for the year of 1996
A. NEW STRATEGY IN CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES

There is a time for everything. A time to kill and a time to heal; A time to tear down and a time to build; A time for war and a time for peace. (Ecc 3:1a,3a,8b)

By signing the peace agreement at the end of December 1995, the Balkan governments have begun a completely new phase of political interaction. To assure this to continue, soldiers of IFOR and of NATO have been stationed here.

This means millions of refugees and exiles, trusting the letter and spirit of the agreement, will leave their temporary homes and return to their households. In almost all cases, everything they left will have been destroyed, burned, and robbed. Even when that is not the case, they will find another Serbian family living in their old house whose own home has been destroyed and who also have nowhere to go.

The returning trip, the finding of houses and apartments, and the reconstruction of the infrastructure and industrial base will take at least ten years or more. The process of reconciliation between ethnic groups may even take longer that. There are far too many who see this period as only a break before another conflict and not as a real peace or reconciliation.

We believe that it is possible for the peace agreement to succeed and that after a time of quietness, the separated nationalities will be able to begin to consider living and working together again. One important detail is that all of them can communicate in the same language, despite the fact they all speak of differences. Possible communication between different social levels, as well as an extending of good will, will always lead to better understanding and closeness.
For thousands of years, Bosnia & Herzegovina has been a multinational and multicultural state. Unfortunately, for hundreds of years, it has also been a “playground” for the interests of European and world powers, both east and west, and for Catholicism, Islam and Orthodoxy. In just this century, the Balkans has experienced five wars, regionally, as well as internationally. Many pessimists are warning us that the century is not yet over.

Many people, however, have memories of the life they lived together with the people of other nationalities, of having close friends, or even inter-ethnic marriage. Needless to say, there are still many beautiful examples of good friendships, cross-national marriage, and neighborhood relationships. When peace returns to Bosnia, everyone can witness a beautiful tradition of hospitality, friendship, and loyalty that is difficult to find anywhere else. But when the war replaced the tranquillity, all of those good characteristics, driven by oppressing tensions and hostilities, become opposites.

Still, we believe this coming political situation, despite separations in the former Yugoslavia and the war in Croatia, and then in Bosnia & Herzegovina as well, will bring new healing into the interactions of the people and will provide a time for forgiveness and reconciliation, a time for reconstruction of destroyed homes, and a time for farming and agricultural recovery. We believe that this is the time for the peace and the spiritual renewal of these nations.

Therefore, thoughtfully and prayerfully, we decided to continue with our humanitarian projects. These projects will make it possible for a family to survive until they can begin to live normally once again. Likewise, our goal is to develop projects that will help families become independent and with their own work to provide for their family members.
B. HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS IN 1996

1. THE MATERIAL CARE

a) Distribution of family food packages

We plan to continue in 1996 with the distribution of food packages to those who are still unable to return to their homes. Distribution will be organized for the refugees and for the exiles who temporarily have no income on which to survive. Taking into consideration how much food has come over the last five years, and hoping that donors will react to the need, we believe we can distribute about 1,100 tons of food.

b) Hot kitchen

In 1996, we plan to continue with the distributions of hot meals out of four kitchens in Osijek, Croatia. In this period we plan to distribute 288,000 hot portions.

We are planning to do the same in places that have been burned down where the people have no opportunity to provide for themselves. In this case, we might be able to distribute in 1996 a total of 300,000 hot meals.

c) Distribution of used clothing

The return of the families to their homes will raise the need for quality clothing and shoes. Our hopes are that AGAPE will receive more quantities of used clothing than we have in previous years, so that in 1996 we will be able to distribute approximately 600 tons of used clothing.
d) Distribution of miscellaneous aid

This kind of aid will have its specific role. Second hand furniture, heaters, sheets, blankets, and many other items, which may seem to us like less important things, are still essential for daily living. Our estimation is that we will distribute a total of 400 tons of this kind of aid.

2. MEDICAL CARE

Distribution of the medicine and medical equipment in 1996 should be of an even greater importance. The reason for this is that the reconstruction of the demolished hospitals will begin soon. Even though the fighting is over, medical supplies and equipment are still very necessary. Even now there are still too many cases of adults and even children who step on land mines or explosives. In Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina alone there are about 10 million land mines.

Medical care for the disabled and elderly will occur only if there are the finances for it. Only as we receive donations for this purpose will we be able to continue with these activities.

3. SOCIAL CARE

Programs for social care will be done as the need exists. Care for orphans will be developed over next year. The orphanage in Rovinj, Croatia, will expand its facilities into the nearby village of Krnica, and the total of children under care for will double. The same project will expand further upon the reception of additional funds as well.

Meanwhile, we will continue to help a similar center in Virovitica, Croatia. The main activity consists in reconstruction of a building where the children are placed. Depending on our income and finances, we would like to buy the essential equipment and housewares for the kitchen and the bathroom.
Care for the aged people will continue as well. The Christian humanitarian organization “IHTHUS” of the Evangelical Church from Pula will continue its wonderful work, along with the time-to-time help of AGAPE.

4. PSYCHOLOGICAL CARE

a) Vacation for children

Summer vacations to the Adriatic sea for children from Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina were organized in 1994 and 95. This will be continued this year as one of the most important activities of psychological care that our organization offers. Likewise, the ministry for refugee women, the organization of short vacations for adults and the other parts of psychological aid will not be neglected.

b) Centers for mobile counseling

This year we are planning to begin a project for mobile counseling centers for people who are suffering from post-war shock. The project will be taken into five towns of Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina that are closest to the front-line. The target groups are as follows: pre-school children, children in primary school, high-school students, returning refugee families, and demobilized soldiers,

We have decided to start the mobile counseling centers because we would like to go into the elementary and high schools as well as other places in the war-shocked areas. Cultural beliefs exist in this part of the world that cause many to think that it is inappropriate to take their child, even with psychological damage, to the psychologist, or the “shrink”.

Throughout the year we suggest we might help 2000 persons with each center. In other words, in the five towns about 10,000 children, women and men will be helped. A professional committee will be consist of a physician, a pedagogue, a psychologist, and an instructor plus other experts as needed.
5. SPIRITUAL CARE

a) Counseling

This service is of special interest to us and we cherish it dearly. Many other organizations forget that people, besides having a physical need, have a soul and spirit with deep spiritual needs. We are doing our best in recognizing these needs, and in solving and satisfying them to the best of our ability.

This year our capable volunteers will reach many people through visits to the refugee camps and homes, the broadcasts of the radio programs and through the magazines for children and adults. Through this we hope to fulfill part of our mission to heal the wounded human souls. Psychological care itself cannot give an answer for the many difficult questions, but by nourishing a person's soul while at same time materially helping them, we can offer them peace for today, hope for tomorrow, and forgiveness for the past.

b) Reconciliation projects

All of the people of the Balkans, over the many years of war, were influenced emotionally in some way by the political situation. A large number of people have a particular opinion about an individual nation. Common rumors, purposeful lies through the media, manipulation of the people's thinking, personal accidents, and the decrease in the standard of living have all led to deeply rooted emotions that have caused accusations, bitterness and unforgiveness.

Reconciliation is not only a skill but an art. It is possible to succeed if the correct social decisions are made and if our leaders are willing to be neutral in their policies.
6. REVIEW OF THE PRESENT
HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS IN 1996

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C. DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

The basic aim of the development project is to give the opportunity for a returning refugee family to provide for its members. We believe this year our development and humanitarian project will have to go through an stage of transition, with a continuation of the previous humanitarian aid, until it takes its course.

1. AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

During the war in the former Yugoslavia territory from 1991-1995, more than three million people were exiled. Most of them have lost all their possessions and lost their employment. Large number of exiles had made their income on agricultural or livestock production. This project will make it possible for a family, with minimal investment, to receive help for their economic recovery. The basic idea is to offer them a material loan (starting livestock or seed fund), which will be given back to the donor as they become self-reliant. After it is returned, it will be given to another family to continue the cycle.

a) Livestock project

• Description

After the complicated procedure of choice, various families will receive certain number of cows, piglets (and in some areas of Bosnia, goats) and a small number of egg-laying chickens. After the certain period of time an equal quantity of donated animals will be returned directly to the donor.

While the project continues its cycle AGAPE experts will visit each family at least three times a year. This way good relationships
will be built and we will be able to coordinate economic improvement by offering professional advice.

- **Timelines**

  The classification and signing of an agreement should take no more than 8 weeks. Providing, scheduling and coordinating the 1,200 livestock should not take longer than 40 weeks.

  After the choice of the families is made, the first reimbursement of goats will take place after three years or 156 weeks, and so on the second goat reimbursement will complete the project in six years or 312 weeks.

- **Project evaluation**

  One family will receive approximately two cows, one piglet (or goat), ten egg-laying chicken and one rooster. Price per piece including logistical expenses, is as follows: a cow worth $1,440; a piglet worth $240; ten chickens and a rooster worth $70.

  The budget needed to supply one family with an livestock fund is $ 3,190.

  In order to supply 600 families the budget will be as follows:

  Croatia.................................................. 1,914,000 US$
  Bosnia & Herzegovina .................................. 1,914,000 US$
  Total .................................................. 3,828,000 US$

  Administration annual expenses are as follows:

  Croatia.................................................. 30,400 US$
  Bosnia & Herzegovina .................................. 30,400 US$
  Total................................................... 60,800 US$

  GRAND TOTAL ON LIVESTOCK PROJECT............. 3,888,800 USD
• *Project coordination*

During this project, the coordinator and his assistant will turn in three reports to the AGAPE Board each year. After the AGAPE Board approves each annual report, it will be given to the donors, and a shorter version will be handed to the farming family.

• *Project location*

In Croatia this project will be take place in eastern Slavonia and, after the re-integration, also in Baranja and western Srijem. In this area alone there will be a total of 1,200 cows, 600 piglets and 6,600 chickens. In Bosnia & Herzegovina this program will take place in the area of Bihać, Tuzla and in the Bosnian area around the river Sava. The only difference will be that goats will be exchanged for piglets.

• *Long-term effects*

By this project, the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Bosnia & Herzegovina will profit by a total of $3.9 million. After six years, when the project is completed, the economic benefits will reach a total of $11 million.

Besides these benefits, the farming family that receives a livestock fund will profit from secondary economic effects (from milk, beef, meadow, piglets, eggs and chickens), or the equivalent of 16 million US$.

Therefore, estimated grand total of direct and secondary economic benefits could reach as high as 27 million US$.

• *Circumstantial effects*

The circumstantial effects will be even larger, but they are harder to classify. Even though this project is small, it will help in the industrial recovery. Our evaluation is that these extended effects will have an impact of no less than 20 million US$.
Taking all of these evaluations into consideration we can say that the 4 million US$ invested in the beginning will in six years have a return of ten times their value (27+20).

b) Seed project

• Description

After the choice of a farming family is made, they will be given a certain quantity of wheat, corn and potato seed. This same investment will be reimbursed to the donor after a period of one year. After the first reimbursement is made, the fund can be given either back to the same family or to another one.

• Timeline

To choose the family and sign the contract, we will need about 5 weeks. The supplying and classifying of the seeds will take us another 5 to 10 weeks.

After the families have been given the seed, 52 weeks will be given until the first reimbursement is due. The total completion of the project will be finished after the second reimbursement, and so after two years or 104 weeks.

• Project evaluation

According to the individual price of seed products the cost will be as follows: wheat seed at $0.43/kg; corn seed at $2.15/kg; potatoes seed at $1.14/kg.

The estimated land needed to sow the invested seed is as follows: wheat 4 ha., corn 4 ha., potatoes 0.5 ha.

Seed needed to cover each property is as following: wheat 340 g/ha., corn 24 kg/ha., and potatoes 2 t/ha.
The budget needed to supply one refugee family is $1,361.

The budget needed to supply seeds for 600 refugee families in Croatia and 600 families in Bosnia & Herzegovina is as follows:

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Administrative annual costs of this project are as follows:

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**GRAND TOTAL ON LIVESTOCK PROJECT**  

1,694,240 US$

*Project coordination*

During the cycle of the seed project, the coordinator and his assistant need to visit each family at least three times a year. Three times a year reports will be given to the AGAPE Board and an annual report at the end of the year. After the annual report has been accepted, the same will be sent to the donors, as well as a shorter version to each family.

*Project location*

In Croatia, this project will be executed in eastern Slavonia, and, after the reintegration, in Baranja and western Srijem. In that area alone we will be able to donate 816 tons of wheat seed, 57.6 tons of corn seed, and 300 tons of potatoes seed. In Bosnia and Herzegovina this project, with about the same quantities, will be executed in the area of Bihać, Tuzla, and region in Bosnia by the river Sava. All of this areas are known for agricultural activities.
• Long-term effects

For the 6 year period of this project in the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina starting investment will be as follows: 1,632 tons of wheat seed, 115 tons of corn seed, 600 tons of potatoes seed with a total value of $1,633,440.

When the project has been completed after two years, the economic effects will total 18 million US$. On top of these economic effects, the families will, over those two years, earn a monthly income from the agricultural products related to this investment.

• Circumstantial effects

The circumstantial effects again not only have a greater effect, but are harder to classify. Even though this project is small, it will help the industrial recovery. Our evaluation is that these effects will not be less than 20 million US$.

Taking all of these evaluations into consideration (18 million US$) we can say that the 1,7 million US$ initially invested will in the end have twenty times more value (38 million US$).

In considering the psychological change to a family who had lost everything and for four years had to live on humanitarian aid, we can say more will be done than we could understand.

2. BUILDING RECONSTRUCTION

This project relates to renewal of cities (reconstruction or new building), most of all business construction. Reconstruction of the private apartments does not fall under this category, even though it has some developmental elements.

We will help in the reconstruction of the following kind of buildings:
• industry facilities
  - for livestock,
  - for farming,
  - for crafts,
  - for light industry;

• churches,

• apartments.

The price for building material, as well as for workers, is not less than in the rest of Europe. Therefore, the reconstruction of a mildly damaged buildings will be about $120/m^2. It needs to be mentioned that the buildings will only be reconstructed in so far as it can be generally used. Likewise, the building will be reconstructed only as it needs to be used. Cleanings and adjustment will be done by owner himself.

We believe that over the next year we will be able help in the reconstruction of 100 different buildings, as large as about 70 m^2, with a total value of $840,000. The reconstruction spending per building will be around $8,400. This will, naturally, depend upon the desires and abilities of the donor.
## D. BUDGET FOR THE YEAR OF 1996

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   Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Swedish Embassy, Radićeva 14, PP 1051,
   Zagreb, Cratia, Tel: 385.1.428.226, fax: 428.244, Max Bjurh, first secretary.

5. State Department of Croatia in Herzeg-Bosnia, Mostar, Department of Health and social
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D. ADDITIONS (CHARTS)
Food relief received within 1991-1995 (6,413 t)

- Slavonia 2,143 t
- Zagreb 1,210 t
- Istra/Dalmatia 877 t
- Bosnia 468 t
- Herzegovina 1,715 t

Relief in clothing within 1991 - 1995 (1,982 t)

- Slavonia 990 t
- Zagreb 443 t
- Istria/Dalmatia 341 t
- Bosnia 66 t
- Herzegovina 157 t

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Other humanitarian relief
1991 - 1995 (1,873 t)

- Slavonia: 616 t (33%)
- Zagreb: 701 t (38%)
- Istria/Dalmatia: 244 t (13%)
- Bosnia: 84 t (5%)
- Herzegovina: 228 t (12%)

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Total value of humanitarian work 1991-1995 ($29,340,709)

- Food $14,172,230
- Clothing $2,221,820
- Other $8,413,160
- Cash $1,822,299
- Storage $593,320
- Voluntaries $2,117,880

48%
29%
22%
7%
6%
8%

Total value of relief 1991 - 1995

$12,000,000
$10,000,000
$8,000,000
$6,000,000
$4,000,000
$2,000,000

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E. CONSTITUTION

Based on Article 2, of the Resolution about establishment of the Humanitarian relief of the Evangelical church in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, at the meeting of the Presbytery of the Evangelical church held on January 3, 1994, in Osijek, the following was established:

CONSTITUTION
HUMANITARIAN RELIEF OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH
"AGAPE INTERNATIONAL"
IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA AND BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Article 1.

The Humanitarian organization of the Evangelical church in the Republic of Croatia "AGAPE", and the humanitarian organization of the Evangelical church in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, will combine into the unique international humanitarian organization by the name "AGAPE INTERNATIONAL".

Each of this organizations will keep their supremacy as an legal institution.

Article 2.

With this Constitution questions have been answered on the activity, organization, address, sign, stamp, location and kind of activities, representing, finances and other, organizational structure, cease of activities, as well as other questions concerning the work of humanitarian relief of the Evangelical Church "AGAPE INTERNATIONAL" in the Republic of Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Article 3.

Humanitarian relief of the Evangelical Church in the Republic of Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina "AGAPE INTERNATIONAL" (in the following text referred to as "AGAPE INTERNATIONAL") has a goal to render humanitarian and voluntary assistance, as well as spreading understanding among people based on Biblical teachings concerning helping our neighbor and general Christian practice.

"AGAPE INTERNATIONAL" is a nonprofit, interdenominational and independent humanitarian relief agency, with responsibilities and regulations under law, and other guidelines, given by the government of the Republic of Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Article 4.

THE NAME AND ADDRESS

The official name is "AGAPE, HUMANITARIAN RELIEF OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA AND BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA", and functions on the territory of the Republic of Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as in the other mission regions.

The shorter name that has been used is: "AGAPE INTERNATIONAL".

Address of the organization in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina is HR-31103 Osijek, P.O. Box 370, Cvjetkova 32. Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The stamp of the Humanitarian relief of Evangelical church in Republic of Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina "AGAPE INTERNATIONAL" is round with the cross in the middle.

REPRESENTATION

Article 5.

"AGAPE INTERNATIONAL" is a legalized institution.

"AGAPE INTERNATIONAL" is being represented by its President, and if he is not able or is gone, then responsibility is upon the Vice-president or Chief Executive Officer.

GOALS AND AIMS

Article 6.

Goals and aims of "AGAPE INTERNATIONAL" are as follows:

- help people regardless of nationality, religion, race, or sex differences, offer help to: old, sick, handicapped, poor, refugees, exiled, lonely, orphans, spiritually oppressed, and all others that need a hand in carrying their spiritual or physical concerns or burdens and to help as necessary,
- encourage Evangelical activity and spiritual renewal,
- establish religious education and culture to those who are being helped, through literature, preaching, personal testimonies, etc.

Article 7.

"AGAPE INTERNATIONAL" channels help needy people in the following ways:

- direct help to hurting people,
- coordination of own Christian humanitarian sections in specific churches and institutions for more successful help to the needy,
- establishment and organization of mission teams, groups or individuals at places where there are persons in need,
- collecting the basic necessities, material and financial material in order to meet the needs,
- storing and distribution of living necessities (clothing, food)
- opening orphanages and homes for old people,
- opening counseling offices,
- visitations to the house of detention and prisons,
- encourage spiritual growth.

STAFF

Article 8.

Staff of the Humanitarian relief of the Evangelical church in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina are volunteers, or in special cases professionals.

Signing or breaking the contract concerning employment is controlled by an other specific legal document.

Article 9.

Volunteers and staff have the following tasks and responsibilities:

- to participate in the work of the specific structure,
- to complete the responsibilities that have been given to them,

- to obtain the Christian attitude in their work, obtain the respect for the law and regulations, live with high morals,
- to improve the organization's activities.

Article 10.

"AGAPE INTERNATIONAL" for specific counties, cities or places establishes extension offices in which they can fulfill expectations from the Activity Curriculum.

The extension office is being coordinated by the Regional coordinator who is responsible for its work, keeping the work faithfully, especially with the contributions that are given to him on trust in order to do the work in "AGAPE INTERNATIONAL".

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Article 11.

Organizational structure of "AGAPE INTERNATIONAL" looks as follows:
- Council,
- Executive Committee and
- Membership.

Article 12.

The Council consists founding representatives, representatives of Christian denominations that have later joined the organization, representatives of extension offices, and special guest-membership to the organization.

Article 13.

The Council meets at least once a year. The meeting is being called by the President, or if requested by one third (1/3) of the Membership.

Article 14.

The Council makes decisions on the following:
- establish and make changes in the Constitution,
- accepts the final financial review,
- forms the program and budget for the coming year,
- elects and releases the President, Vice-president, Chief Executive Officer and Membership of the Executive Committee,
- elects and releases the Membership of the organization,
- establish the politics and developing activities of the organization,
- decides on any other questions that are covered by their government.

Article 15.

The Executive Committee of "AGAPE INTERNATIONAL" is the higher executive committee that functions and operates directly, or through the representatives, in the period between the two committee meetings.

The Executive committee consists of President, Vice-presidents, Chief Executive Officer, Treasurer and the Membership that are being elected by Membership.

Executive board is meeting when needed, and at least once a month.

Article 16.

The Executive Committee meets as regular or emergency.
Meetings are called by the President of "AGAPE INTERNATIONAL", or if he is absent the Vice-president or Chief Executive Officer will do the same.

An emergency meeting of the Executive board must be called when the Executive Committee, or one third (1/3) of the Membership, ask for the same.

Article 17.

Executive Committee can make legitimate decisions, only if there are present more than one half of the Membership.

Decision by Executive Committee are confirmed by majority of attending Membership, unless differently stated in the Constitution of "AGAPE INTERNATIONAL".

Article 18.

Decisions are confirmed by public vote, unless Executive Committee decides to decide on some matters in secret.

Article 19.

Executive Committee is legitimate for the following duties:

- elects and releases the Regional coordinators,
- examine and accepts reports received by Regional coordinators,
- confirms the daily schedule,
- make conclusions, decisions and recommendations,
- decides on organizing the organizational activity,
- establishes Activity curriculum, confirms the annual financial review and the final review,
- elects the departments for specific organizational duties,
- functions with some other goals and responsibilities presented by the constitution and Activity curriculum.

Article 20.

Membership mandate for the Executive Committee is four (4) years.

The Mandate can be renewed.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 21.

Members are managing the work of all organizational structures and extension offices of "AGAPE INTERNATIONAL", follows their activities, governs functioning of the Constitution, functioning of the decisions, contracts, expenses, and other organizational responsibilities. Membership can likewise function in any other way that is inside of their structure.

Membership can elect between themselves a President and two representatives which are then confirmed on the next Council meeting.

Mandate on the Membership is valid for four (4) years.

PRESEIDENT

Article 22.

President is independent in his work, and is responsible to the Council, Executive Committee and Membership.

President is responsible for the following:

- introduces and represent "AGAPE INTERNATIONAL" in legal functioning,
- governs the law and organizational structure,
- gives orders on paper,
- president is responsible for executing the conclusions and decisions of the Council, Executive Committee and Membership,
- functions in other areas that are being requested by Executive Committee and Presbytery

VICE-PRESIDENT

Article 23.

Vice-president, in case of President being departed, has all rights, authority and responsibilities as President does.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Article 24.

Chief Executive Officer is a person that is elected by the Council and is responsible for administration and legal suitability.

TREASURER

Article 25.

The treasurer is elected by the Council.

The treasurer governs and coordinates account on expenses. Plans, together with President, income and expenses, make sure bills are paid, so is herewith responsible as well as the President for the material and financial functioning.

REGIONAL COORDINATOR

Article 26.

Regional coordinator is responsible for the complete activity (financial, etc.) of "AGAPE INTERNATIONAL" in that county, city or region he is assigned to function.

INTERNAL CONFLICTS

Article 27.

All of the conflicts that appear within the "AGAPE INTERNATIONAL" executives or extension offices, are to be solved inside the organizational structure, before Membership.

Article 28.

"AGAPE INTERNATIONAL" Members are not at eligible to take unresolved conflicts before the State courts, but are responsible to solve it before Executives of this organization, or an extra delegation that is, in the matter of serious conflict, assigned by Executive Committee or Council.

For the possible conflicts in the matter of finances, conflict needs to be taken to the court of the Republic of Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

INCOME

Article 29.

"AGAPE INTERNATIONAL" income is collected from the gifts as shown:

- offerings,
- fees,
- donations,
- subventions of Christian denominations in Republic of Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- humanitarian organizations inside and outside of the country,
- other sources.

FINAL REGULATIONS

Article 30.

An individual can be released by resignation, request to leave, or death.

Article 31.

"AGAPE INTERNATIONAL" will discontinue activities if it is decided so on the Council by majority of two thirds \((2/3)\) of the present members.

After "AGAPE INTERNATIONAL" discontinues its activities, after paying all of the bills, property and the rest of the finances with be given to the founders.

Article 32.

This Constitution is legitimate from the day of confirmation by the Council of "AGAPE INTERNATIONAL".

In Osijek, January 3, 1994.

PRESIDENT
dr. PETER KUZMIČ

VICE-PRESIDENT FOR CROATIA
DAMIR ŠPOLJARIĆ

VICE-PRESIDENT FOR BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
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F. AUDITING REPORT

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REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 1994

FEBRUARY 1996
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The AUDIT COMPANY “PLESLIĆ - REVIZIJA” LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OSIJEK examined and checked the balance of accounts as per December 31st, 1994, as well as the income and expenditure account for 1994 and notes concerning the financial statements for 1994 at the “AGAPE” HUMANITARIAN MISSION OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH TO THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA - OSIJEK, 32 Cvjetkova (hereinafter called: HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION).

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Authorized auditor
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Zita Pleslić, Master of Science

Manager
signed Zita Pleslić
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Official seal: “PLESLIĆ - REVIZIJA” LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
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Dear

The Evangelical Church in the Republic of Croatia (formerly known as Christ's Pentecostal Church) is deeply concerned about the suffering of innocent people and the wanton destruction of Croatia's property, industry and cultural heritage. At the same time we are grateful to God for the new freedoms we enjoy in this fledgling democracy. In the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ we have a profound sense of moral responsibility. We have decided accordingly at a plenary meeting of our Presidency, held in Zagreb on 15 and 16 December 1991 that the Presidency should address an appeal requesting prayer for peace to all Evangelical (Pentecostal) churches and to other churches in Croatia and throughout the world. Along with our call for prayer we are also appealing for practical help while expressing our deep thankfulness to all those churches and organisations that have sent help already.

In view of the need for better organisation, co-ordination and distribution of aid we have registered the above-named charity with the authorities in order to ensure that help is brought to the places and people where it is most desperately needed. Administration will be in the hands of a chosen committee: Dr. Peter Kuzmić (President), Franjo Prem, D.I.A., Dr. Zdravko Kleščik, Dr. Adam Špis, Pavao Moguš, and Božo Maršanić.

Centres for the distribution of medicines, food and clothes have been organised on a regional and local basis. Regional co-ordinators have been appointed. Lines of communication and distribution have been set up.

All these activities will be conducted according to Christian principles of love, truth and justice in joyful obedience to Christ's command to 'love our neighbour as ourselves' and the Scriptural injunction to 'do good to all men...'.

The need here is colossal. One third of Croatian territory has been brutally seized and the population subjected to terrible atrocities. Villages and towns have been totally destroyed and their inhabitants massacred. More than 250,000 homes have been destroyed. The number of refugees is now nearing the million mark. Help is desperately and urgently needed. In particular we wish to draw your attention to the plight of our brothers and sister in Christ whose homes and churches have been destroyed in this unprecedented aggression. Please give your support both in prayer and giving to those who have lost their homes, their jobs, their income, their possessions, their loved ones.
After talking to the Croatian authorities and other humanitarian organisations it has become evident that help of all kinds is required. The following however are specially urgent.

1. Foodstuffs not prone to decay. Powdered milk, oil, flour, rice, cereals, tinned foods.

2. Medicines of all kinds but especially anaesthetics, analgesics, antibiotics, and materials for dressing wounds.

3. Bedding, blankets, sleeping bags.

4. Various toiletries, sanitary towels, disposable nappies (diapers), washing powder, various detergents.

5. Warm underwear.

6. Some problems (eg providing firewood for refugees without heating) can be solved only with money.

You may contact us at the above address. Money can be sent to “AGAPE”. HUMANITARNA DJELATNOST, ZAGREBAČKA BANKA, 41000 ZAGREB a/c no. 30101-620-16 2421716098.

We are deeply thankful for all that you will do to alleviate the suffering of people in Croatia regardless of their nationality. May the Lord richly bless you.

On behalf of the Presidency,

Yours sincerely,

[Signatures]
Several months before Peter Kuzmic visits war-torn Yugoslavia in December, 1991...

THE DAYS WHEN THE HOSPITAL WAS DYING
Sept. 13-17, 1991

The collective of the General Hospital Osijek could not believe what they were informed of.... [T]he commander, Boro Ivanovic, called.... If your men don't stop, we will level the hospital with the ground....

And then September, 14, happened....

The horror scenes which made one's blood run cold went on and on, like in a horror-film. But this was reality, the smell of gun-powder was real, as were blood and death.... The Gynaecology was in flames, tank grenades hit the Psychiatry and Neurology wards. Patients had to be evacuated. The most difficult situation was in the Surgery ward.... It was very difficult to stop the fire as an incessant gun-fire from the [nearby] army-barracks made it difficult for the firemen and hospital staff.... [Many] patients ... were accomodated in the big basement under the modern Gynaecology building. The children from the Children's ward were confused and terrified....

A shell hit one of the hospital entrances.... Several infiltrated snipers rose the grade of horror for one octave. Tank grenades hit the new Surgery building....

[I]n the whole time of the terrible horror drama, no patient was injured....
A REPORT ON THE TRIP TO CROATIA IN WAR-TORN YUGOSLAVIA

December 9 - 18, 1991

Peter Kuzmic

Croatia is presently bleeding due to Serbian aggression with over 10,000 dead and over 600,000 refugees increasing daily.

These have been the most intensive, exciting and painful days of my life...... I slept... on the average no more than 2 1/2 hours a night. God's wonderful, supernatural abundance of strength and protection have been felt.

The war has escalated beyond control and my friends from Yugoslavia... pled with me not to bring my family back at this time...

[so] I journeyed on my own to encourage the brethren wherever I could.

Wednesday, December 11

Back in Sisak, I wanted to visit the Assembly of God Church.... [T]here are presently no services taking place due to the fact that the people who ministered there have left the city.... The city is in great danger, ...(and) full of refugees from the neighboring Banija area. In Banija, some awful massacres took place.... In some of the villages as I was told by a witness, the Serbian chetniks hung every Croatian villager on trees and did not allow anyone to take the bodies off the trees for weeks. An awful stench filled the area.... The stories of suffering and atrocities... are beyond description.... I have no doubts that the violence,... [is] demonically inspired.

[We met with] President Tudjman for a full half hour... I witnessed to him about the significance of the Gospel and the power of prayer.... He is ignorant of the basic facts of the Christian faith.... I pled for genuine religious pluralism in which all Christian churches and groups... be guaranteed the same rights. He assured me that this would be the case.

Friday, December 13

... Paul Mugas, my associate of over twenty years,... pastored in Osijek since May and stayed until a month ago when he had to evacuate... due to the continuous shelling of Osijek.... They evacuated a day after Paul's car was directly hit by a grenade in front of the synagogue....

A short visit with Father Jurak... in Selska followed.... He does more than anyone else to clothe and feed the refugees. Daily he provides food (with his excellent volunteer team) for about 7,000. Today they had food for only 200! Both of us cried and I am determined to do my best to see this changed.

Saturday, December 14

Osijek looks like a ghost town. Only 20,000 people out of 150,000 are left in the city. Mostly the brave defenders of the city and other who were not allowed to leave and of course the elderly and the sick who do not have anyone to help them evacuate and no place to go. We could not see one child in the city!

The "Church of the Good News".... which I pastored for ten years, has not suffered any extensive damage.... The northwest wing of the new building... has been hit twice.... [T]here is no major structural damage. God has supernaturally protected our building.... One of the shells did not explode.

... The hero of the Osijek Seminary and the Church is an American missionary, Chris Marshall,... an English teacher in our school.... [A]fter her release from the hospital... she refused to leave... in her wonderful, sacrificial identification with our sick... to whom she ministers with great compassion. When she was told to
leave because the American Embassy ordered all the Americans from Croatia to leave, she responded, "I have higher orders to obey." Chris does not feel that she is doing any heroic act.... [She] is caring and providing for people who without exaggeration owe their lives to her.

[Assistance from the Assemblies of God, Health Care Ministries, and Samaritan's Purse] is of great significance for it does not only meet the need of the suffering but also increases the credibility of the Christian witness and opens doors for future evangelism....

...In Sarajevo [as well as Croatia] hospitals are now operating without anesthesia....

... Osijek is surrounded by over 600 tanks at this very moment.... I was not able to visit our home for very long due to the fact that there is shelling going on....

... It was getting dark and we were warned to leave Osijek immediately.... We rushed out of the city.... In Strossmayerova Street several houses were on fire.... They had been shelled just minutes (seconds?) before we passed.

... Pastor Pavlici of Daruvar has conducted a number of funerals of young men whose parents became Christians in recent years under his ministry. None of the believers in that area have been killed. Thank God for that....

Sunday, December 15

...In the evening I met with several Croatian writers, artists and other intellectuals. When the kingdoms of this world crumble, the kingdom of God is a relevant topic.... God is opening doors for our ministry that no one can close....

Monday December 16

We had an early departure for Komarevo, a very dangerous war zone. Not one house was spared. The elementary school built six year ago was totally destroyed.... We had to follow very strict order on the movement and what we could see and film.... Except for an old couple and the Croatian soldiers, no one lives in Komarevo....

Finally, we were able to visit the hospital in Sisak.... Our conversation with [Dr. Mahnic] was interrupted due to an air-attack.... Later we spoke with and interviewed several of the patients. The footage is moving. I was most deeply touched listening to a man who lost his right leg and left foot. As I tried to express my sympathies grappling for words, without showing much emotion with his face as white as snow and glassy eyes he stated, "Don't feel sorry for me. I was trying to save my half-brother's three children (ages 15, 12, 5). When the grenade fell I was thrown and lost my leg. At least I am alive, all three of them are killed. How will I face my half-brother if he returns alive from the war?"....

Tuesday, December 17

This was my last day in Croatia....

...One thing is sure: people are shaken and very open for the Gospel.... Proclamation alone without deeds of sacrificial love will not do it....

"...For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

...This scripture has now in 1991, when Yugoslavia is engulfed in this horrible, senseless war regained new meaning for me and our brethren with whom I have shared it on this trip.
The need here is colossal. One third of Croatian territory has been brutally seized and the population subjected to terrible atrocities. Villages and towns have been razed to the ground and their inhabitants massacred. More than 250 000 homes have been reduced to rubble. The number of refugees is now nearing the million mark. Help is desperately and urgently needed. In particular we wish to draw your attention to the plight of our brothers and sisters in Christ whose homes and churches have been destroyed in this unprecedented aggression. Please give your support both in prayer and giving to those who have lost their homes, their jobs, their income, their possessions, their loved ones.

The huge needs around us seem set to continue for sometime. May God use us together to provide for some of these needs and so bring glory to his name.

The following needs are specially urgent.

1. Foodstuffs not prone to decay. Powdered milk, oil, flour, rice, cereals, tinned foods.
2. Various toiletries, sanitary towels, disposable nappies (diapers), washing powder, various detergents.
3. Bedding, blankets, sleeping bags.
4. Medicines of all kinds but especially anaesthetics, analgesics, antibiotics, materials for dressing wounds.
5. Warm underwear.
6. Some problems (eg providing firewood for refugees without heating) can be solved only with money.

THANK YOU!
Our grateful thanks to the following for the help received during January, February and March:
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DE BARMHARTIGE SAMARITAAN, The Netherlands
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WORLD RELIEF INTERNATIONAL, Illinois, USA
WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL, Christliches Hilfswerk, Germany
FREIE CHRISTENGEMEINDE RAVENSBURG, Germany
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AGAPE
REGISTERED CHARITY
CROATIA
Newsletter
March, 1992
WHY WAS AGAPE FOUNDED

The Evangelical church in the Republic of Croatia (formerly known as Christ's Pentecostal Church) is deeply concerned about the suffering of innocent people and the wanton destruction of Croatia's property, industry and cultural heritage. At the same time we are grateful to God for the new freedom we enjoy in this fledgling democracy. In the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ we have a profound sense of moral responsibility. We have decided accordingly at a plenary meeting of our Presidency, held in Zagreb on 15 and 16 December 1991, that the Presidency should address an appeal requesting prayer for peace to all Evangelical (Pentecostal) churches and to other churches in Croatia and throughout the world. Along with our call for prayer we are also appealing for practical help while expressing our deep thankfulness to all those churches and organizations that have sent help already.

THE COMMITTEE

In view of the need for better organization, coordination and distribution of aid we have registered the above named charity with the authorities in order to ensure that help is brought to the places and people where it is most desperately needed. Administration will be in the hands of a chosen committee: Dr Peter Kuzmić (President), Franjo Prem D.I.A., Dr Zdravko Kleščk, Dr Adam Spis, Pavao Moćuš and Božo Maršanić.

DISTRIBUTION CENTRES:

Centres for distribution of medicines, food and clothes have been organized on a regional and local basis. Regional co-ordinators have been appointed. Lines of communication and distribution have been set up.

1. Zagreb,
2. Daruvar
3. Rijeka
4. Pula
5. Osijek
6. Našice
7. Orasovica
8. Požega
9. Donji Miholjac
10. Vinkovci
11. Dakovo

planned centres on occupied territories:

12. Beli Manastir
13. Vukovar
14. Ilok

TO DO GOOD TO ALL MEN...

All these activities will be conducted according to Christian principles of love, truth and justice in joyful obedience to Christ's command to "love our neighbour as ourselves" and the Scriptural injunction "to do good to all men..."
Dear Mr Peter Kuzmić!

I would like to kindly ask you to be, as so far, our ambassador during your stay in USA.

I would like you to explain to your American hosts that in the Republic of Croatia it is not the question of ethnic conflicts between Croats and Serbs, as it is usually presented in the media, but that in these regions one democratic-european option is confronted with the other totalitarian-bolshevist option, which, has unfortunately, found support in the Army and which aims either to save or to restore bolshevist (communist) ideology or to rehabilitate new internal borders in, already today, former Yugoslavia.

We are talking about a perfidious imperialistic policy, which is led by the Serbian policy, which aims to destroy all democratic actions which have started in the Republic of Croatia, create Big Serbia in the regions which historically and ethnically belong to the Republic of Croatia (as an enclosure we are sending the results of the recent Census from which you can see that in this region there are living about 75% of Croats and 20% of Serbs.)

Yours faithfully,

President of the Osijek's Assembly

Prof. dr. Zlatko Kramarić

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AGAPE

AGAPE is a non-profit humanitarian relief organization incorporated in 1991 in both Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina according to the laws and statutes of the respective Republics by the Evangelical Churches of those countries.

Dr. Peter Kuzmic, President of the Evangelical Theological Seminary, Osijek, Croatia, was elected President of AGAPE-Croatia. Miroslav Jovasic of the Evangelical Church, Mostar, Bosnia, was elected President of AGAPE-Bosnia.

Eighteen centers for the distribution of medicine, food and clothing have been organized on a regional and local basis according to the strategic priorities of refugee location and transportation access to over 50 sites. An Executive Committee oversees communications and monitors distribution. They expedite specific needs requests and report directly to the Board of Directors.

MATERIAL RELIEF NEEDS

The physical needs are dramatic and urgent. AGAPE provides food, clothing, bedding and medical supplies by the ton to tens of thousands of refugees.

Although we have continued to receive clothing and bedding, there have been fewer and fewer shipments of food and toiletries. Donations for the purchase of fresh foods and firewood have also declined.

AGAPE desperately needs help in obtaining items such as:
1. baby food and diapers
2. canned meats and margarine
3. flour, oil, rice and sugar
4. washing powder
5. soap, toilet paper and toiletries including feminine hygiene products.

Funds for purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables are essential to maintain healthy diets especially for children. Firewood is usually available for purchase locally and is used to both cook and heat in the stoves provided to many refugees.

REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS

The New York Times (18.12.92) listed some of the terrible statistics of the devastation in Bosnia: more than 100,000 dead, 500,000 refugees fled from their country (most to Croatia) and three million have been driven from their homes. In the winter ahead, nearly 1.7 million people are at risk of starvation in Bosnia.

This flight has compounded the suffering in Croatia which has inflation of 30% monthly and has seen her population increase by over 15% with the flood of refugees from occupied Croatia and Bosnia. (NY Times 18.12.92)

AGAPE is often their last, best hope. Thousands of refugees are unable to register for aid because of limited economic resources in the host countries. Often they cannot travel to the specific locations where secular assistance is provided.

Distribution of food, clothing, shoes, bedding and medical supplies is coordinated through each local evangelical church or mission to the most needy. AGAPE often works with local government agencies to coordinate special relief projects.

A MORAL IMPERATIVE

All of AGAPE's activities are conducted according to Christian principles of love, truth and justice in joyful obedience to Christ's command to "...love our neighbor as ourselves." (Lev. 19.18) and the Scriptural injunction to "...do good to all men." (Gal. 6.10)

In the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ we have a profound sense of moral responsibility. Our task is to meet the spiritual needs of the refugees as well as their physical needs.

We have already distributed 500,000 illustrated Gospels of Mark this year and some organizations allocate a percentage of their contributions to be directed towards evangelism and Christian literature.

STRATEGIC FUTURE

The war has not stopped. The needs of suffering peoples grow greater each day. The extensive, wanton damage to the economies, property and cultural heritage of each Republic will take decades to restore.

We are committed to the following long-range objectives which we hope will provide for the physical and spiritual needs of our communities during this most difficult process.

1. Cottages for those without homes (reconstruction of homes where possible)
2. Reconstitution of churches
3. Centers for orphan care
4. Centers for hot meals
5. Centers for education
6. Centers for elderly care
7. Developmental assistance for businesses and farms destroyed by war
8. Counseling programs at centers
9. Evangelism through special outreach programs
10. Church-planting

PRAY

Please pray that peace will come and bring an end to the horrible suffering of these people.

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To whom it may concern

AGAPE is a well-known organization in the country, providing humanitarian assistance in various forms to a great number of refugees and displaced persons.

AGAPE’s public kitchen and dry food distribution programmes are of great importance in meeting the basic needs of the most destitute among the beneficiary population, and we would like very much to encourage the continuation and development of such activities.

Dennis DE POERCK
Head of Office

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The Humanitarian Aid for Croatia and Bosnia  
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Hot Meals for Three Nations  
The Hot Kitchens are AGAPE’s most successful relief aid project. Started in November 1992 in collaboration with World Vision International, the kitchens now provide food to approximately 1,250 people each day.  

The kitchens are located in neighborhoods with large pockets of refugees and displaced persons so that the beneficiaries can easily walk to the kitchen, pick up the hot meals for their families and return home.  

Local church members serve the food to needy families of Serb, Croat, Bosnian, Orthodox, Catholic, and Muslim persuasion. Meals are prepared at a local commercial factory kitchen and delivered in thermal containers to each of the 5 kitchens/distribution points.  

AGAPE’s nutritionist maintains the quality of the meals; we have gained a popular reputation for excellence, as well as professional respect from fellow relief organizations.  

Merhamet’s representative told AGAPE that our hot meals are the favorites among the Bosnian refugee community in Osijek. The personal contact between the beneficiaries and the servers also makes a great difference.  

In a time when refugees and displaced persons are often resented and shunned, friendship can be uplifting. An outgrowth of this relationship building is the AGAPE Women’s Meeting.  

Women and their children who receive aid from AGAPE join together once a month to address their issues as women and refugees/displaced persons. They socialize, listen to speakers, problem-solve, sing, and support each other in their common circumstances.  

A New Home for War Orphans  
One of Agape’s special projects is an orphanage for children who have lost their parents in the war. This is especially for children under two years of age.  

The orphanage can hold up to 25 children. Our plan is to keep these children until they become adapted to normal life situations again. After that they will be placed in a family with a warm Christian atmosphere. Thus the orphanage will serve as a temporary place where they can begin to recover from war traumas.
Gospel for Refugees

Agape is sponsoring the sending out of evangelical literature to both elementary and secondary schools as well as public libraries. Over the last twelve months we have delivered up to 350,000 copies of the New Testament and other Christian books.

This December we began to cover every household in Osijek and have already delivered 45,000 Gospels of Mark. We will extend this program systematically to the larger cities of Bosnia and Croatia. In January we plan to distribute 25,000 copies in Vinkovci, 85,000 in Zagreb, etc. Soon we will have distributed all our available literature.

Comfort Through Radio

Agape is involved in producing Christian radio programs which bring comfort and hope to refugees, displaced persons and those who are socially threatened.

Our program is now going out over 75% of the radio stations all over Croatia. This is one of the first Christian programs to be broadcast over the air since the fall of communism.

Agape Relief in 22 Croatian and 10 Bosnien Cities

Agape is active in the following cities of Croatia: Osijek, Donji Miholjac, Koška, Našice, Oráhovica, Daruvar, Bjelovar, Zagreb, Rijeka, Pula, Rovinj, Zadar, Split, Vinkovci, Đakovo, Čepin, Županja, Pakrac, Zrinjska, Požega, Makarska, Diklo.

BOSNIA NEEDS YOUR HELP NOW!

We are also working in the following Bosnian cities: Mostar, Čitluk, Čapljina, Orašje, Vidovica, Donja Mahala, Livno, Tomislavgrad,Posušje, Međugorje.

Who Works for Agape

The workers helping to carry out the activities of Agape are members of various local churches and contribute their work on a voluntary basis. Through the distribution of food and clothing, Agape is evangelizing certain areas of Croatia which have never been reached with the Gospel over the last thirty years. The development of the humanitarian work is facilitating the spreading of the Gospel.

Church Services in Warehouses

Due to lack of facilities for church services in some towns, we are meeting in warehouses. People line up to receive food and clothing in the mornings and come to Bible studies in the afternoons. In these large, cold buildings, the hearts of people who have lost everything are warmed by the good news of Jesus Christ.
Background of AGAPE

AGAPE was founded in 1991 in response to the war emergency in Croatia. During the summer of 1992, AGAPE began supplying relief aid in Bosnia. A non-denominational, non-sectarian relief and development agency, AGAPE’s goals are to reach the needy and desperate with material and spiritual aid.

Our philosophy is that people’s hearts and minds are more open to the Word when their physical needs have been met. The word agape is used by many groups around the world, but in the former Yugoslavia its meaning is particularly appropriate. In a place where killing your neighbor because of his differences has become a way of life, offering help and hope to people of all nationalities and religions grabs attention. We find that feeding Serbs, Muslims, and Croats in the same room makes people ask why. And there we seize the chance to share how our Christian God is different and why He tells us to do good to all people (Galatians 6:10).

How much AGAPE has done in the past 12 months

- 55,000 people receive AGAPE aid each month in Croatia and Bosnia
- Approximately 19,000 tons of relief goods delivered and distributed (10,000 tons of food, 9,000 tons of non-food and medical supplies)
- $18,000,000 USD in goods and monetary donations (medical supplies donated in kind are of higher value than food and non-food relief material)
- Hot kitchen in 12 months of operation has served half a million meals
- Orphanage
- Evangelical programming broadcast from 25 radio stations reaching all of Croatia

What AGAPE gives to the needy

- Food: wet and dry, nutritional supplements
- Medicines and medical equipment
- Vegetable seed
- Clothing
- Hygiene items

Those who can cook their own food receive canned meats, fruits, and vegetables, hygiene products, etc. through AGAPE’s dry distribution.

Who AGAPE helps

- People who do not have enough money to feed their families
- Families with small children, nursing mothers, elderly people, and those who are infirm
- Hospitals, schools, homes for the retarded, elderly, orphans

Plans for the future

- Feed 175,000 people each month in Croatia and Bosnia for the next 12 months
- Winterization, reconstruction, and redevelopment of schools, homes, and small businesses
- Supplementary food program for children and nursing mothers (120 tons over 6 months)
- Kitchen starter kits (pots, pans, utensils, etc.) for those with the ability to cook for themselves

How AGAPE distributes relief aid

- 21 distribution centers throughout Croatia and Bosnia
- 5 Hot Kitchens in Croatia
- distribution centers and Hot Kitchens are located within easy walking distance of large numbers of beneficiaries
- in coordination with the UN and other non-governmental agencies where appropriate.

Where AGAPE gets relief aid:

- churches
- Christian relief and development agencies
- government disaster relief and development agencies
- individual donors
- countries to this date: Sweden, America, Canada, France, England, Norway, Germany, Italy, Korea, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Scotland

Help Needed

- Food
- money to buy food
- Phased-out equipment and short-term or periodic training from western firms to be used in long-range development projects for light industry.

"The Republic of Croatia is per capita home for the largest number of refugees and displaced persons in the world."

— Office for Displaced Persons and Refugees, August 1993, Zagreb

If you want to support AGAPE you can send a check addressed to the title:

AGAPE
Humanitarna djelatnost
Cvjetkova 32. 54103 Osijek, P.O. Box 370.
Croatia

We will confirm any amount by a letter of thanks.

If you want to help people in need in 1994. sending a monthly amount please check one of the following boxes, and mail this back to us.

☐ 100 US $
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☐ $

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We have now expanded our humanitarian outreach into Bosnia and Herzegovina. As the war activity is no longer the forethought of life in Croatia, it is still the way of life in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The same needs and cries that we heard in Croatia three years ago are being heard today in places as far south as Mostar and Sarajevo.

To understand the church in Mostar is to understand the heart of AGAPE. It has an outreach to everybody who needs help. Big or Small. Physical or Spiritual. The church has approximately 120 attendees and is growing. With it situated on the West-Bank of Mostar, it has a mixed population of Muslims, Croats and Serbs. On the East-Bank you can still hear the sounds of gun fire between the same ethnic groups.

The roads are now open to Sarajevo and relief is getting in with the help of the UNHCR. AGAPE’s plan is to set up a distribution center and church within the city limits of Sarajevo soon.

There is still an urgent need to reach many areas in Bosnia and Herzegovina such as, Tuzla and Zenica.

“Serbs come to minority homes at night and force Muslims and Croats out: ‘Get out because a Serb Family will live here’”.

A refugee who left the Banja Luka region

Source: Information Notes on Former Yugoslavia, June 1994, UNHCR Report

Croatia

DRY GOODS PROJECT

This encompasses food, hygienic items, and clothing. A family food parcel is packed for four, with loose items available in the warehouse to supplement the size of each family.

Twice a month the displaced persons can receive clothing from the AGAPE distribution centers.

Monthly in the Slavonian area, there are approximately 3500 families that receive our help for dry food and hygienic items and approximately 2000 families who receive clothing.

HOT KITCHEN PROJECT

AGAPE’s Osijek Hot Kitchens are still feeding approximately 1000 refugees and displaced persons everyday with one hot meal and bread for which they are grateful. This has totaled approximately 730,000 meals served in
the last 20 months. Words can not begin to show their appreciation. Here are some comments from the refugees displaced from different regions.

Jaroslav Mourecki --

occupied region of Croatia: Baranja

- he is sick, wife died 7 months ago, and son was wounded in the war
- happy the kitchen is available during the week “it is necessary to survive”

Pal Deke --

village: Korod, country: Croatia

- “Very satisfied” he said, with a big smile on his face
- he is Calvin and his wife is Catholic... believes that there is one God and we should all believe in Him

Pavo Ćorluka --

city: Derventa, country: Bosnia

- lives with his wife
- both happy with the kitchen but would like to see dairy products and it to be available during the week-ends
- they are both Catholic and don’t feel any prejudice on our side towards anybody

The Osijek Hot Kitchens have been supported by organizations in the past such as World Vision and Lutheran World Federation. Currently funding comes from the Finnish Free Foreign Missions, World Relief International, and continued support from Lutheran World Federation.

The summer months are now upon us and many of the displaced persons have access to a little bit of land to grow their own vegetables. Our desire is not to create dependency but to find the best resources during their displacement. The Hot Kitchen has been just one of the ways that AGAPE has help.

LITERATURE PROJECT

Currently, AGAPE has partnered to translate and distribute 20 different Christian book titles to the public and school libraries in Croatia (total books, approximately 700,000). Many have encouraged us by letting us know that this has been the first Christian literature in the libraries since the fall of communism. We are seeking continued partnerships with our vision to expand this ministry not only in Croatia but in Bosnia, Herzegovina, and Hungary.

CHILDREN’S MAGAZINE

LATICA, meaning Petal, is a children’s magazine that is being distributed with the help of AGAPE, in the church, public schools, and libraries to children ranging in the ages of 6 to 11 years.

This project began to blossom from the vision and faith of just a few women from the Evangelical Church in Osijek. Having almost no resources; materials and money, they began putting together Latica and currently have had 2 publications (the magazine is published every three months during the school year with a wish to increase it to every other month).
RADIO MINISTRY

AGAPE maintains a non-profit Christian radio program called IZVORI VJERE. It currently broadcasts from 27 different stations, 25 minutes per station a week, and 52 weeks a year. It reaches thousands of listeners hungry for encouragement and hope.

"OAZA" - THE OFFICIAL OPENING

A Christian home for war orphans, in affiliation with AGAPE, has had its official opening in Rovinj; June of this year. It is a milestone in the relief effort and outreach to the children affected by the war. There are no other private centers in this area.

Currently, there are 13 children at Oaza (meaning Oasis) which holds up to 25. The children are from many different backgrounds; Gypsy, Bosnian, Croatian, etc. They range from the ages of newborn to 8 years. It is a home where they strive not only to provide a refuge for the children but also to help the parents whenever possible.

Two brothers and one sister, ages 7, 5, and 3 whose mother brought them to Oaza soon before she died. They were living near the front line in Karlovac where she knew she was dying and that if she left them there it would have meant "no hope" for her children. The children received much love and health care for approximately 6 months at Oaza until their father showed up and took them away. They are now living in an orphanage many miles away and with a 100 other children.

Nikola and Tomislav

These are two brothers, ages 2.5 years and 5 months. Tomislav was abandoned in the hospital when he was born and Oaza was called. The staff at Oaza located the mother and found little Nikola living in horrible conditions. They are now both at Oaza. The mother visits regularly while she tries to find some employment.

AGAPE RELIEF SITES:

24 Croatian --

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gone from begging and living on the street to being in school, having regular meals. They are currently waiting for permission to gain Croatian citizenship.

Milivoj, Zoran, and Zorana

Two brothers and one sister, ages 7, 5, and 3 whose mother brought them to Oaza soon before she died. They were living near the front line in Karlovac where she knew she was dying and that if she left them there it would have meant "no hope" for her children. The children received much love and health care for approximately 6 months at Oaza until their father showed up and took them away. They are now living in an orphanage many miles away and with a 100 other children.

Nikola and Tomislav

These are two brothers, ages 2.5 years and 5 months. Tomislav was abandoned in the hospital when he was born and Oaza was called. The staff at Oaza located the mother and found little Nikola living in horrible conditions. They are now both at Oaza. The mother visits regularly while she tries to find some employment.

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WHO WORKS FOR AGAPE
Various local churches in Croatia, the church in Mostar, and some missionaries from around the world help carry out the activities of AGAPE. Most of the activities are accomplished by the church members who volunteer their time to load trucks, distribute food, serve meals and evangelize. We strive to work together as one voice and one heart.

AID & AGAPE Q1 OF 1994
- 117,000 people received food aid monthly
- Nearly 720 tons of relief goods (food & clothing) received and distributed
- 4 new AGAPE site locations in Croatia and Bosnia
- Official opening of first Christian orphanage in Croatia

HELP NEEDED
- Short-term or periodic training from western firms to be used in long-range development projects for light industry
- Food -- packed in family parcel units
- Clothing -- used or new clothing is needed in both summer and winter
- Prayer -- for peace in the Balkans, the war victims and the relief workers
- Partnerships -- partners to cover the costs of projects such as; LATICA, Hot Kitchen, Radio Programming, Elderly Home in Pula, and Oaza

If you would like to know more about or support what AGAPE is doing to help the war relief in the Balkans you can write and/or send donations to the following addresses:

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President: Antal Balog
CEO: Peter Kuzmic

France, Hong Kong, Malaysia and more.
Bosnia-Herzegovina

This is the third winter of war in Bosnia and most of the donors are weary of sending relief. The country is emotionally exhausted from the long duration of such a war. This country has approximately 52 thousand square kilometers of land and about 4.5 million in population. In Bosnia there are 46% nominal Muslims, 19% nominal Catholics-Croats, 32% nominal Orthodox-Serbs and 3% other. The estimated war victims are over 200 thousand killed and about 2.0 million refugees and displaced persons.

Report on Children as War Victims
23% of the children were forced to leave their town or village
37% had family members wounded or killed
97% experienced shelling nearby
29% had their homes attacked or shelled
55% were shot at by snipers
65% were in situations in which they thought they would be killed
11% experienced serious food and water shortage
17% thought they would die from the cold

UNICEF study

A Visit to Middle Bosnia

This summer Damir Spoljaric Vice-president of Agape, had visited some towns in the middle of Bosnia. Some of the towns visited: Mostar, Vakuf, Novi Travnik, Nove Bila, Vitez, Kresevo and Kiseljak. This trip was organized by the officials, directors and other government leaders in the Republic of Croatia and The Federation of Bosnia-Herzegovina. The trip was of great success because it gave a chance for Agape to reach out and help where the need was greatest. In this case, Agape has helped in supplying the needs of the hospital and medical center in Nova Bila, Middle Bosnia for the second time. This would underline not only how much we did at this time, but would prove helpful in the future with cooperation to help those in the greatest need.

A Visit to Sarajevo

Recently Antal Balog, Chief Executive Officer, had made a visit to Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia. The trip was organized by The International Center for Promotion of Interreligious Dialogue, Justice and Peace by UNPROFOR. More surprising than the desperate need for the food and clothing was the need for spiritual encouragement. The trip included attending the Academy for Science and Art in Sarajevo. Agape also participated in the reconstruction of the central heating of two orphanages.
New AGAPE Extensions

BOSNIA

New office and warehouse in Tuzla

We are so glad to say that God has opened a door for us to a new extension of our ministry. This was a place in Bosnia that has been forgotten all along. It is place far away from the civilization and the only way you could get there is by truck. We feel free to use one statement from the field reports, "indiscriminate shelling of heavily populated parts of Tuzla continues daily with disastrous results". For this reason the need is tremendous for there are not many who will bring aid to this area.

If you are interested in this ministry please contact our Osijek office or directly the office in Tuzla: KLAUS DOMKE, Sarajevska 4, 75000 Tuzla, Bosnia, Tel/Fax: +387-75-31-605 or you can contact our main office of Agape in Mostar, Bosnia Tel: +387-88-222-49.

CROATIA

New facilities in Ploce

We can inform you of the opportunity that was given us to open our new office and warehouse in Ploce. This is a town on the coast and is a very strategic position because it is an "entrance door" for the relief to Bosnia. It is an important place for the warehouse from which relief can be sent to the most needed areas in Bosnia.

The address and the coordinator in Ploce please contact:
BULE ANKICA Trg B. J. Jelacica 4, 58340 Ploce, Croatia
Te:+385-50-67 88 10

New office in Djakovo

Djakovo is known as a Roman Catholic-centered town in which there are great opportunities to help many of the refugees that have asked for help at our Agape office. The coordinator is Daniel Matkovic. For more information please contact our Osijek office.

New distribution center in Valpovo

This office will cover two towns next to each other, Valpovo and Belisce. Dry food and clothing will be sent from Osijek to this center for distribution.

The coordinator in Valpovo and Belisce is Romanjek Stjepan. More information about this extension may be obtained through our Osijek office.

AGAPE PROJECTS

Children on Vacation

All of us could agree on one thing; children are the ones that suffer the most. As you have read in the statistics above, there are in Bosnia about only 23% of the children that have been rushed away from their homes, beds and playgrounds. Children that had to leave all their favorite things to others. Children were separated from their parents, family and friends. Those that they spent most of their time with besides knowing that they may never see each other again. It is taking their childhood away from them and everything they have loved. The biggest problem is that most of these children suffer from psychological illnesses. From spending two or more years in a shelter, not seeing the sun, not being able to run through the green grass, or play with their friends. All around them was darkness, the sound of shelling, tears...
and the fear that they might not see daylight again. These are the kinds of children that we have sought to help.

* 135 of the children from Mostar, Bosnia have been sent to Crikvenica, Croatia to the Christian Turistic Center for Retreat.

* 60 of the children from Osijek and area, were asked to go to Italy and receive the blessings of wonderful people who have opened their heart to the crying of the children.

Hot Kitchen

Our Hot Kitchen is still in operation. By God’s grace we have been able to feed about 730,000 people mostly refugees and displaced persons.

Through a recent crises we were so glad to be helped by Finish Free Mission and Lutheran World Federation. These two organizations were ready to reach out and help the Hot Kitchen’s continuation. It is a great blessing to be able to help those who have not the possibilities to eat normally; either they do not have food or do not have the facilities to make a hot meal. One thing that makes all the difference is that there are three different nationalities waiting in the line together; Croats, Serbs and Bosnian Muslims. Not only different nations, but they are of different religious backgrounds that have put aside their differences while they wait for the same meal.

The Dry Food Project

All of us know how important is to have food in our homes and that is why it makes this project so important. Through previous experience we have found how your help can be more effective. A sample package is listed for an average family of four.

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SUGGESTED HYGIENIC ARTICLES one person/per month

| Washing Powder | 2 kg | Toothpaste | 0.1 kg |
| Toothbrush | 1 ea | Soap | 0.375 kg |
| Toilet Paper | 3 rolls | Shampoo | 2 l |
| Tampons/Pads | 2 bags | Dish Soap | 1 l |
| Razor Blades | 2 pack |

Special Medical Aid

As some of you already heard we have been helping some older helpless people that have had skin ulcers. Usually they are the people that have been neglected by society and/or do not have enough finances to eat normally, not speaking of the medical expense needed for their physical needs. We have covered this need for about 50 people in this area through the medical agency that goes to their homes.

Home for the Elderly

As we mentioned in our earlier newsletter we have participated in opening a new home for the elderly who were exiled from their homes at end of their lives. The home will be located in Pula a town on the Adriatic coast where they could spend the rest of their lives. Their homes were destroyed, they have no children or financial support to provide for the rebuilding of their homes. This would be the only place they could enjoy the bessing of a roof over their heads and enjoy the sun shining when they wake up in the morning.
Women Ministry
As for the women we have been very blessed to hear that they have enjoyed our meetings. Most said how it was the only time they could set aside the open conversation and for some fellowship with women like themselves. What helped them the most was the Christian environment that they could experience when they came. They have not only been able to talk, but to hear the “Good News” and receive encouragement’s from the other women.

Help in Research for the Missing Family Members
We were honored by the opportunity to help such an organization. The whole idea has been formulated by a woman who has heard at least five times about her husband’s death and then hearing of him still being alive. In that time of despair she thought it would be much easier if she helped others in the same situation, rather than dwell on it. For it is easier when we work together. Surprising is how many are still missing and how many more families do not know where their mother, father, children, or other family members are. It is a pleasure to help such a mission that there are no words to express the joy when people are again united with their loved ones. May God help them.

Help to the Handicapped
The last project we would introduce to you at this time is an important one. Help to the handicapped children and adults who have been neglected by the today’s society. Our help will be to assist in finding other Christians and people with the same problems that would understand and encourage those with handicap needs.

Prayer Requests & Needs
- Pray for the political situation in Croatia and Bosnia, because the situation with war is about to escalate.
- Pray for the relief that is needed for there are many humanitarian organizations that have stopped helping Bosnia and Croatia because of the long duration of the war. People need the help and we feel responsible not only before people, but before God to help these people to survive such a hard times.
- The continual need of dry food or we know how is it when you run out of groceries and your stomach still asks for food. Even greater need is for the hygienic items that are extremely expensive here, but are a daily necessity.

Needed now is winter clothing and shoes. Winter can go down to -30°C and there are still many that walk in their house slippers that they had on when there were running away from the death.

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Peter Kuzmic Antal Balog
On the Frontlines

An Interview with Peter Kuzmić
Distinguished Professor of World Missions and European Studies

The founder of the major evangelical theological institution in Eastern Europe, Dr. Kuzmić has written the introduction of the Balkan relief report. Here he addresses both the spiritual and material needs of his homeland in this interview with Contact.

How recently have you been back to Croatia and Bosnia?

I was there about a week before Christmas.

Would you describe the situation in your homeland?

We are facing this winter in Bosnia a major humanitarian nightmare of enormity. Hundreds of thousands of people are in the cold and starvation and conditions are much worse than in previous years. The displacement is growing, people close to 100,000, and three million people...

In general, about the international American aid, America is fairly good but we have witnessed the ...

As the popular perception is a little not enough in our opinion what is happening in the situation in Europe and And of course there is a little problematics to in terms of life in Somalia. So there of an area. The international community has to have more involvement, are we...

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The media is reporting that humanitarian aid is already too late to stop wide scale disaster this winter.

The winter came a month earlier than usual. We had snow in Bosnia and parts of Croatia in mid-November. That caught everyone by surprise. Also, I don’t think the international community has been sufficiently well-organized for alleviating human suffering. This is lasting so long and is of such proportions. Although one would say that humanitarian help (and there’s a lot of cynicism developing in Bosnia, especially about this humanitarian help. They feel like someone is feeding them for the slaughter.) The international community should have acted with greater resolution to stop the aggression when it was still possible. Now it is very complex. But there was a time when it was very clear who the aggressor was and from where they were shelling. For example, they were shelling the city of Sarajevo and a more resolute action could have stopped that and forced the parties to the negotiating table. The tragedy in Bosnia is a result of a failure of the international community, of a failure of political leadership in the world, which is lacking a clear vision, moral conviction and political will for an appropriate action.

At this point in time, how can the Church be of humanitarian assistance? Are there legitimate programs in place that are reaching the Balkans with aid?

Yes, there are programs that are working. In fact, we do a lot to help the organization I founded while I was here at Gordon-Conwell [Kuzmić was a visiting professor in 1991-1992] in late 1991, when the war was raging in Croatia. That organization is named Agape, the New Testament word for sacrificial, self-giving love. We feed about 56,000 people a day. We have provided hundreds of thousands of tons of food and clothing and medical assistance to hospitals. You know there were hospitals operating without anesthesia in Croatia and Bosnia. So there is enormous need. American agencies like World Vision, World Relief, Samaritan’s Purse and others are involved and partnering with us to alleviate human suffering. We also have the New Europe Vision that was established here at Gordon-Conwell as a partner to Agape.

How do Agape and New Europe Vision function?

We inform the churches of the need. Many have responded by putting containers together of non-perishable food items and warm clothing and blankets. We have over 20 distribution centers and many other satellites. People also make monetary donations which are used to buy food. Last winter—and again this winter—in areas where the shelling has stopped we have also provided necessities like glass to replace windows and textbooks for schoolchildren.

You have been very involved with the relief effort in Bosnia and Croatia. And for several decades before the war you founded and directed the Evangelical Theological Seminary. It must have been a very difficult and emotional decision to come to America.

Let me say first of all that I have had a long relationship with Gordon-Conwell. We have had Overseas Mission Practicum students coming to us since the 1970s. I had been on this campus several times and then in 1991 when I was scheduled to have a mini-sabbatical, I was invited by Gordon-Conwell to spend it here and I taught here. The war extended that stay since we had to evacuate our school from Osijek. I was very grateful that Gordon-Conwell provided a home for my family while I was spending quite a bit of time there.

I have had many invitations to come and teach different places, but I never really wanted to leave my country. Gordon-Conwell, however, through the distinguished chair, created the possibility for me, while I teach here half the time, to donate the other half of my time to missions in Eastern Europe. This way I am

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We need to develop in Eastern Europe a whole new base of leadership. That’s why theological education is so important.

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able to carry on some of the ministries there as well as to make the cause of the Church, the concerns of that area, known to the Church in North America. And hopefully I am here not just to teach, but to motivate more missionary involvement of North American evangelical churches in the post-communist world where there is such enormous need. Especially in the area of theological education which the church in North America can provide. We’ve had faculty from Gordon-Conwell teach for us already on a visiting basis. I hope we can develop this partnership further so that my coming here to Gordon-Conwell is building a bridge between a premier evangelical teaching institution in this country and the need for teaching in post-communist Eastern Europe.

It seems that there are many ways you can actually be more effective working from here, than you could be full-time in Croatia.

That may be true. As I can be an ambassador for the Church of that country and that part of the world in this country and facilitate exchange and cross-culturalization of ministries, especially in the area of theological education.

What lies ahead for the Evangelical Theological Seminary?

We were able to move the seminary to Slovenia when the war started. We were really the only seminary in Europe operating in exile. For a whole school year, we were hosted by a Lutheran parish center and by an Assemblies of God church. That was wonderful cooperation between evangelicals. We were then able, when the United Nations peacekeeping force came into Croatia, to move the school back. And I was there to facilitate that. The school is doing very well in Osijek. We have students from 14 different nationalities—Croatian, Serbian, Slovenian, Macedonian, Albanian, Russian, Ukrainian, White Russian, Moldavian, Romanian, Bulgarian, and more. We had to turn down many students because we do not have enough room. But the school is doing very well. We have fine young leadership and I am trying to help with some teaching and providing teachers from this country. The school has a great future. It is the leading school in Eastern Europe and years ahead

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PHOTO: The dome of the Evangelical Church in Croatia and the white building housing the Evangelical Theological Seminary sit untouched next to a bombed-out building in Osijek, Croatia. The church and seminary were the intended targets.
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of all the schools that are now being established and pioneered. We were able to pioneer earlier because Tito [president of Yugoslavia from 1945 to 1980] pulled us out of the Soviet bloc and from the late 60's on we had a little bit more freedom.

As you teach world missions and European studies at Gordon-Conwell, tell us what your role will be in instilling a passion for missions in the seminary students here.

I am teaching a very exciting class right now, the World Missions class. I am very pleased with the development I see among my students as their horizons are widened, their visions expanded, and they recognize that it is very much biblical to overcome any parochial vision they may bring from their local situation. Many of them come already with a vision of the world. I teach them to recognize that kingdom citizens are world citizens and that whether they take a pastorate or cross-cultural ministry, evangelistic or youth ministry, they need to sense the heartbeat of Christ for the world. They need to see the world with God's eyes and love the world with Christ's redemptive love. I consider it a privilege to be a facilitator of this process of growth and expansion and of ministerial training in a wonderful institution like Gordon-Conwell.

Do you see opportunities for Gordon-Conwell to be involved in Eastern Europe?

Definitely, yes. Already the school is providing an office for New Europe Vision which facilitates our humanitarian and relief help for the Balkans. But New Europe Vision has a greater vision, namely to bring the Christian value system, the Christian world view into the ideological vacuum left by the shambles of communism. But Gordon-Conwell, I hope, will be more involved in sending its faculty abroad to the new schools in Eastern Europe to teach.

I understand that there is a desire, as well, to bring young Eastern European leaders here for training. Would you share your vision for this?

Yes, I hope we will be able to bring a greater number of Eastern Europeans here to study, to specialize. President Cooley and I have talked about bringing ten people

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AGAPE provides relief for 100,000 monthly in Bosnia and Croatia

AGAPE, a relief agency founded and directed by Assemblies of God missionary Peter Kuzmic, is providing much needed assistance to the people of Bosnia and Croatia. Utilizing hot meals, homes for war orphans, and clothing distribution programs, AGAPE now ministers to some 100,000 people monthly.

Founded in 1991 in response to the war emergency in Croatia, AGAPE was established on the premise that meeting physical needs will open people's hearts to the gospel. "My philosophy is give them, with one hand daily bread and with the other hand bread eternal," stated Kuzmic.

In addition to its relief and aid programs, AGAPE assists in translating and distributing Christian literature to Croatian libraries. It also distributes LATICA, a children's magazine, and maintains a nonprofit Christian radio program which reaches thousands of children and adults with the gospel.

AGAPE's outreach has garnered support from both religious and government agencies in at least 10 nations. With this support, it has actively participated in relief efforts in 24 Croatian cities and 14 Bosnian cities.

Evangelicals in former Yugoslavia:

To give up is not an option

The ethnic conflict in former Yugoslavia has dominated world news for the past two years. The world has looked on with a feeling of helplessness as Serbs, Croats, and Moslems have torn each other and their former common home apart.

By Kåre Melhus

Amid shelling, besieged towns, trapped UN convoys and atrocities, the Evangelical Church numbering less than one percent of the population is ministering. To settle for a feeling of helplessness is not an option.

Dr. Peter Kuzmic, president of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Osiek and a leading evangelical in Croatia, formed the relief agency Agape. The agency is involved in medical relief and brings in useful items like window glass into towns after enemy shelling.

The evangelical Church is not ethnic. Dr. Kuzmic says that this makes the evangelicals an instrument of reconciliation.

Among people preoccupied with ethnic hatred, the evangelical Church witness to the integrity and transforming power of the Gospel. Former enemies are being reconciled to God and each other and the fighting parties take notice.

But Dr. Kuzmic says it is an uphill struggle. The Serbs are Orthodox and the Croats are Roman Catholic. Protestantism is considered a Western faith and a threat to national religion. Following the collapse of communism, there has been an upsurge of nationalism which has been supported by these national religions. Against heavy odds, but left no option but to try, Dr. Kuzmic and his evangelicals are preparing a conference on bridge building. The venue is Hungary and the invitees are Serbs and Croats.
Peter Kuzmic recently forwarded reports of his Agape Ministries' expansion of efforts in Bosnia. Their humanitarian outreach and evangelism is now expanding in Bosnia and Herzegovina in places as far south as Mostar and Sarajevo.

The church in Mostar has over 160 believers made up of all three nationalities (Croats, Serbs, and Muslims) who worship together. These believers sacrificially work in relief and evangelism efforts across Bosnia/Herzegovina. In November of 1994 a missionary was sent to Tuzla. In that Bosnian city of 100,000 people live without water and electricity, but God's love is wonderfully manifested. Several new centers distributing food, clothing and evangelistic literature have been opened across Bosnia.

The Dry-Goods Project (food, hygienic items, and clothing) in Eastern Slavonia/Croatia distributes packets to 3,500 refugee families on a regular basis. Clothing is distributed two times a month to an additional 2,000 families. More than one thousand refugees a day are fed a hot meal by Agape's hot kitchens in Osijek. In the last 20 months, 730,000 have been served. People such as Jaroslav Mourecki, whose son was wounded and wife was killed in the war, say that Agape's Hot Kitchen is "necessary to survive."

Agape has distributed over 700,000 copies of Scriptures and other Christian books (such as Billy Graham's Peace With God) to public and school libraries and in refugee camps. Public libraries are extremely grateful as many of these books are the first Christian volumes available since the fall of Communism.

The radio ministry of Agape is also growing. Currently 27 stations broadcast gospel pro-

Saving Lives and Souls in the Balkans

Ceremony for the first ordination of a Pentecostal pastor in Bosnia. This church, located in Mostar, Bosnia, is a fast-growing assembly pastored by Ivon and Kresonja Karmelo.

If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?“

(John 3:17)

man suffering and bring hope to the victims of the war in the Balkans. Volunteers come from local churches, missionaries from around the world, and short-term partners from every corner of the earth. Throughout 1994, these volunteers fed 117,000 people on a regular basis, distributed 720 tons of food and clothing, set up 17 new relief sites, and opened the first Christian orphanage in the region. WAGRA was privileged to have assisted these ministries with financial help.

Graduates of European Theological Seminary pioneered new churches in the following countries: Macedonia, Monte Negro, Russia, Ukraine, Albania, Serbia, Croatia, Romania, Bulgaria, Slovenia, Bosnia, and Belarus. Another graduation took place in October of 1994 in Osijek as 53 students from twelve nations of post-communist Europe received their degrees and diplomas. Pray for these chosen servants of the Lord and their ministries.

Members of the Main Presbytery of the Pentecostal Church in Bosnia and Hercegovina touring the inside of a Pentecostal church destroyed during the war.

World Vision International

Collaborative Proposal

Submitted to: Joan Edwards
UNHCR/Soros Foundation

Submitted by: Charles Rogers
World Vision International
World Vision Collaborative Proposal

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In February 1992 World Vision launched its initial response to the refugee crisis in the former Yugoslavia at the request of Dr. Peter Kuzmic, the President of a newly-formed indigenous agency, AGAPE Humanitarna Djeplinost. In the ensuing months thousands of refugees and displaced persons from among each of the region's ethnic groups have benefited from this partnership.

World Vision wishes to build upon the program's success by proposing an expanded collaborative partnership through the addition of two other community-based indigenous agencies, Duhovna Stvarnost and My Neighbor. World Vision will seek to enhance and expand the efforts of these three partner agencies through the offer of technical assistance and the provision of resources for shelter rehabilitation and the redevelopment of local food production in Bosnia-Hercegovina.

The following three proposed project goals will be accomplished by means of the Technical Resource Assistance Program:

**Project Goal #1**

To enhance the delivery and management of humanitarian assistance and rehabilitation programs undertaken by indigenous NGO's in Bosnia-Hercegovina through a 12-month series of resource-management training programs in the field.

**Project Goal #2**

To contribute to the redevelopment of local food production and the growth of related employment through the restoration of poultry production in the Gradacac-Orasje region in north-central Bosnia.

**Project Goal #3**

To implement a 12-month program of reconstruction in the Mostar region of Bosnia-Hercegovina which was devastated by shelling during the conflict.

The operational partners have requested that World Vision draw up a joint proposal to The Soros Foundation to expand the operational capacity of each agency and to enhance the access of each agency to resources needed to address humanitarian needs.
World Vision Collaborative Proposal

Throughout this context, World Vision understands its role as that of an enabler, an enhancer of existing organizations; we do not intend to initially develop a separate, direct operational infrastructure in Bosnia-Hercegovina.

World Vision staffing and technical assistance will support the offices and infrastructure of our existing partners in order to maximize the resources available to directly support indigenous program activities. This proposal seeks a 12-month funding commitment to undertake the stated project goals and objectives.

2.0 PROJECT GOAL #1

To provide immediate enhancement of the delivery and management of emergency relief and humanitarian assistance programs to selected indigenous NGO's with established programs in Bosnia-Hercegovina.

Project Objectives

2.1 Provision of on-the-job coaching and mentoring of selected indigenous humanitarian organizations in the application of management control tools and skills to enhance the quality of their performance. This will require a specified amount of time spent in the work environment by a technical trainer with each selected organization and will involve seminars conducted in the field among interagency front-line staff.

2.2 Provision of specific training sessions or workshops to selected indigenous humanitarian organizations in the design and implementation of relief and rehabilitation programs. The contents of this training will aim at enhancing the capacity of selected organizations to plan and carry out relief and rehabilitation programs in a professional manner. This training will take place at multiple locations and aim at grouping several selected organizations at one time in order to reinforce the importance of partnering and sharing of resources/skills.

Commentary

Both components will require a skilled relief and rehabilitation trainer technician with extensive experience in working with indigenous organizations to help enhance their skills and application of tools to improve professional management capacity, effectiveness and performance. In addition, the scheduled training sessions will require several technical training, resource persons (1 or 2 consultants or identified World Vision trainers) to provide specific program instruction.

The training modules will focus on the important elements of relief and rehabilitation programs including, but not limited to simple controls systems. These areas will also be the subject of the one-on-one coaching and mentoring in the working environment. Specific training sessions will include the following subjects:
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Module One:

1. How to do needs assessment.
   a. What important elements should be included.
2. How to design a project proposal.
   a. What important elements should be included.
3. How to develop a simple budget.
4. How to develop a simple finance report against objectives and funding received.

Module Two:

1. How to select beneficiaries (socio-economic survey).
2. How to implement and maintain distribution controls.
   a. This will include: registering beneficiaries, maintain a system of recipient distribution cards, monitoring, spot checking for anomalies and distribution reports.
3. How to manage relief and rehabilitation commodities.
   a. This includes: warehouse entry documents noting amounts received, damaged, losses and what was done with damaged materials.
4. How to warehouse and stack materials, perform FIFO inventories, utilize bin cards, shipping manifests for outgoing commodities and end-use reports on commodities.

In order for this training and one-on-one coaching to be effective it will be essential to have a sufficient program duration to allow for important follow-up. It will also be important to monitor the application of the simple control tools introduced and trouble-shoot for any difficulties that may arise. To be effective this sort of technical assistance should be available to these indigenous organizations for at least one year.

World Vision will develop the training module around a core group of indigenous NGO's consisting of AGAPE, Duhovna Stvarnost, and My Neighbor. It is expected, however, that the net will eventually be cast beyond the three core-groups to take in other accredited indigenous NGO's active in Bosnia-Hercegovina.

3.0 PROJECT GOAL #2

To contribute to the redevelopment of local food production and the growth of related employment through the restoration of poultry production in the Gradacac-Orasje region of north-central Bosnia.

Project Objectives

3.1 To supply 10,000 chickens to 20 local poultry producers each in the Orasje area selected by local veterinary officials. With each farm contributing 20% of its profit to the restoration of additional local farms, a total of 50 independent, fully-operational poultry farms will be restored within 12 months, employing a minimum of 250 people and providing 2,000,000 chickens to local food production.
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3.2 To supply 10,000 chickens to 5 local poultry producers each in the Gradacac area.
Due to the lack of a functional currency in north-central Bosnia, barter exchange will be
employed for the resupply of operational materials (chicken stock, feed, fuel, etc.), with
partial proceeds from the bimonthly exchange applied toward the restoration of a total of 15
poultry farms by the end of 12 months, employing 60 people and providing 450,000 chickens
annually.

Commentary

Prior to the outbreak of hostilities in north-central Bosnia the Orašje-Gradacac area served as
a center for poultry production for the region. The conflict in central Bosnia has wiped out
the region's stock, leaving local producers with empty facilities and without the means to
restart production.

World Vision and Duhovna Stvarnost will collaborate in the implementation and
management of this micro-enterprise redevelopment project. By means of its current relief
program presence in the Orašje-Gradacac region Duhovna Stvarnost has developed a strong
network of relationships among local officials and the population-at-large.

To facilitate the implementation and management of this program, Duhovna Stvarnost and
World Vision will collaborate with local veterinary officials in establishing a Poultry Farmer's
Cooperative of privately-owned farms, commencing with 20 local poultry producers currently
non-functional due to a lack of poultry stock. The 20 selected farms will be provided with
10,000 chickens each on contract.

Poultry stock will be purchased from vendors in Croatia at a price of $0.40 per chicken. Four
kilos of feed per unit, sufficient for the duration of the normal 48-day production cycle, will
be provided at a cost of $1.25 ea. The combined cost of transport, vaccinations, and stock
maintenance is $0.19 per unit, with farm overhead costs an additional $0.13 ea., bringing the
total cost per unit to $1.97.

The initial capital investment required for implementation of the Orašje program is
$394,000 (20 farms at $19,700 per farm).

At the end of the 48-day production cycle each farm's quota of 10,000 chickens will be
prepared for market, at an estimated per unit weight of 1.83 kilos, thus producing 18.2 tons of
chicken meat per farm, for an initial total of 364 tons from 20 farms. The meat will be sold
locally at a price of $1.22 per unit (DM 1.95), representing a 20% margin over direct costs.

At the end of each 2-month production cycle each farmer will receive $1,250, plus an
additional $625 to be divided evenly among four full-time workers. The 20% net proceeds
from the sale of stock at the end of each production cycle will be invested in the restoration of
additional poultry farms locally, bringing the total at the end of 12 months (6 production
cycles) in the Orašje region to 30 independent, fully-operational farms.

Each participating producer will be encouraged to implement immediately a capital
investment savings plan from the bimonthly production allotment of $1,250 so that, at the end
of a 12-month period, enough will be on hand to purchase a resupply of 10,000 chickens, thus
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taking ownership of stock and establishing complete operational independence as a private enterprise.

The Gradacac phase of the program, initially involving 5 local poultry producers, will follow the same detailed implementation process, with two notable exceptions:

1. Initial stock procurement will be made in the form of chicks purchased from vendors in nearby Gracanica, which supplied most of the region's poultry stock prior to the war. Due to war-related logistical complications, feed must be transported long-distance from Croatia, which will increase the cost per unit to $2.52.

2. Due to the lack of a functional currency in north-central Bosnia, the Gradacac program will operate on a barter system. At the end of each production cycle the chicken meat will be traded for the resupply of chicks and feed at a value of $3.03 per unit, which represents a 20% margin over cost. The net excess, in the form of additional stock, will be used to restore additional producers in the area, resulting in a total of 50 fully-operational and independent poultry farms at the end of 12 months.

The initial capital investment cost of the Gradacac phase (5 farms at $25,200 per farm) is $126,000.

4.0 PROJECT GOAL #3

To implement a 12-month program of functional reconstruction in the Mostar region of Bosnia-Hercegovina which was devastated by shelling during the conflict.

Project Objectives

4.1 Collective Center

To reconstruct a war-damaged building to functional standards for the purpose of housing 50 families or a total of 200 displaced people in Mostar.

Material specifications and all necessary local regulatory approvals have been obtained in advance of this proposal to expedite the reconstruction process. Target beneficiaries will be displaced persons identified from up-dated Humanitarian Committee of Mostar information lists and approved according to AGAPE guidelines.

4.2 Schools A and B

To reconstruct two war-damaged primary school buildings to functional standards for the purpose of resuming educational programs for 2,800 school-children of Mostar.
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4.3 Home for the Elderly

To reconstruct one war-damaged building to functional standards for the purpose of housing 150 elderly persons of Mostar.

4.4 Village of Gim

To reconstruct to functional standards 420 war-damaged residences (categories I-III) and 14 war-damaged residences (categories IV-VI) in the village of Gim.

The majority of non-technical laborers will be selected from the residents of the village.

Summary table

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<th>Buildings</th>
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Proposed Construction Schedule

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Commentary

Mostar was the leading industrial and agricultural center for the Hercegovina province of Bosnia-Hercegovina prior to the war. Mostar municipality's pre-war population totaled 126,000. The town of Mostar had 75,613 inhabitants and an additional 50,454 people lived in the villages in the remaining part of the municipality (Census of 1991). Constant shelling during this past year significantly damaged residential homes, apartments and educational facilities.

AGAPE with the technical support of World Vision will coordinate the reconstruction of a collective center, 2 primary schools, a home for the elderly, and 434 residential units (damage categories I-VI) in the village of Gim of the Mostar municipality. This functional
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reconstruction effort will assist the three primary types of beneficiaries targeted by AGAPE: children, families, and the elderly.

To facilitate the implementation and management of this program AGAPE and World Vision will collaborate with the Public Enterprise for Reconstruction and Development of Mostar. This group has provided detailed studies to facilitate the implementation of each project. The Public Enterprise group was selected on the basis of their ability to perform the tasks required by such extensive reconstruction. They are currently working on similar projects and will provide AGAPE with the pertinent construction and management reporting information necessary to monitor the progress of multiple projects. Project objective 4.1 was designed by a local architectural firm.

One secondary effect of our rehabilitation projects is the redevelopment of an active buying market for the building product industry of Bosnia-Hercegovina. Every effort will be made to purchase construction materials, furniture and fixtures from these firms. Products that are not available in Bosnia-Hercegovina will be purchased from accredited firms in Croatia and Slovenia.

Another secondary effect is the opening of employment opportunities for a minimum of 535 construction workers. AGAPE will seek to identify and employ such qualified workers from the beneficiary pool of displaced persons. Unemployment in Mostar is currently over 90%. Salaries have not been paid in over 12 months.

The primary goal of the UNHCR/Soros Foundation is to restore these homes, apartments, facilities, and schools to functional standards. AGAPE and the Public Enterprise group envision completion of these residences and schools to their original specifications. We will present a supplemental funding request to World Vision to accomplish this overall goal. The schedule of reconstruction over a 12 month period will enable AGAPE to utilize the World Vision training component to its fullest extent and encompass the additional construction efforts based on the proposed supplemental funding.

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**Subtotal - Procurement**: 18,700

**Food Production Redevelopment Budget**: $615,100
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### III. Reconstruction of Village Gimm, Mostar Housing and Primary School Buildings

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**Subtotal - Personnel**  
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**Subtotal - Operations Support**  
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**Subtotal - Procurement**  
36,400

**Reconstruction Project Budget**  
$1,178,920
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BUDGET SUMMARY

| I. Management Training Program (7 sites) | $311,300 |
| II. Food Production Redevelopment Program | $615,100 |
| III. Reconstruction of Village Gimi, Mostar Housing and Primary School Buildings | $1,178,920 |

| Bosnia-Hercegovina Project Budget | $2,105,320 |
Peter Kuzmic discusses the church and war in the former Yugoslavia

Peter Kuzmic, Ph.D., spoke recently with Evangel News editor Scott Harper.

Evangel: Please share some of your background and how you came to the Lord.

Kuzmic: I am a native Slovenian. Slovenia is the northernmost republic of the former Yugoslavia. My father was one of the Assemblies of God pioneers after his conversion in the late 1940s. In that context, although in a communist country, I became a believer as a young man and started evangelizing. I spent some time in the United States. I returned to the former Yugoslavia because of the calling of the Lord to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the spiritually needy people in the Balkans as well as in other parts of what was then communist Eastern Europe.

Presently, I am a citizen of Croatia and that is where I have been living. My wife and children recently came with me to the United States, while I am ministering at Gordon-Conwell Seminary, South Hamilton, Massachusetts. Presently, I am dividing my time between teaching in North America and ministering in the Balkans.

Evangel: What is the church like in the former Yugoslavia? Have they always been there or had they developed recently?

Kuzmic: Historically, there have been tensions, especially since World War II. One has to keep in mind that the former Yugoslavia was the most complex country in Europe, with six republics and two autonomous regions. The Slavic nationalities grew out of that. Of course, three main religious groups—Serbian and Macedonian Eastern Orthodox, Croatian and Slovenian Catholic, and Bosnian Muslim—together with the different linguistic, religious, and cultural identities of the different languages, religious differences, and territorial claims always provided tension.

Evangel: You have publicly disagreed with the assumption that there is a racial war. Describe for our readers the various facets and the source of the conflict.

Kuzmic: Yes, I have disagree with the public speaking and in newspapers with the thesis that there is an ethnically based religious war. Ethnicity and religion, of course, are very easily manipulated. Some of the deepest sentiments of human identity go with religion and ethnicity. This war, however, began as an ideological war and is primarily a territorial war.

In 1990, when the first round of free elections came, four of the republics—Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia, and Macedonia—elected non-communist governments. Serbia, the largest republic, and Montenegro, the smallest, retained communist leadership. These communist leaders and the army generals wanted to save the old socialist federal Yugoslavia, with their new constitutions to enlarge their territories regardless of human cost. There was an effort to destroy war-stricken and mostly innocent civilians. And there are over 3 million refugees.

Evangel: How has the church fared during the war?

Kuzmic: The Orthodox church in Serbia and the Catholic church in Croatia have basically supported the nationalist programs and aspirations of the nation. So in Bosnia, the Serbians and Muslims have the impression that this was a so-called international Christian conspiracy against them.

The national aggressor, the Serbs, use an old metaphor, did-very the
cross in one hand and the sword in another. And there was also some fierce fighting a year ago between the Croat Catholics and the Bosnian Muslims in central Bosnia. And then, of course, they expected help from the so-called Christian West which promised to help but failed to do so until very recently.

So Bible-believing evangelical Christians, who are a small minority, are really the only ones whose faith is not defined along the ethnic lines because we believe in the universality of the gospel. We are the only ones not perceived as an aggressor group in this war. So God has put us in a strategic position of being instruments of reconciliation, of bringing the good news where there has been so much bad news, and alleviating human suffering.

Christians have, of course, suffered in this war. Many have become homeless refugees and a number of our churches have been destroyed in Croatia and in Bosnia. But we have a wonderful testimony as we have been able to restart some of these churches and begin new churches in other areas—wonderful light-houses in a dark world bringing healing and hope and light where suffering and death and despair have seemed to have an upper hand over the last 4 years.

Evangel: What are instances where God has protected you and your congregation from harm?

Kuzmic: We have experienced a wonderful outpouring of God’s love and supernatural protection. I have gone into extremely dangerous areas and had shells explode very close by. Our house has been shot at and looted. I have confronted warlords, pleading with them to let me into dangerous zones to bring food to the hungry and to try to locate believers. In all of these situations, the presence and assurance of the Holy Spirit has been overwhelming.

Some of our workers in Bosnia, especially in the cities of Mostar and Tuzla, have experienced wonderful protection from God. A bomb exploded in front of our church in Mostar on a Sunday morning just a few minutes before we dismissed. Obviously, some of the good news for bad times. And the good news teaches us how to bring forgiveness and reconciliation when there is hatred and revenge. In Bosnia specifically, our task is to help the suffering and hungry is perceived as religious propaganda rather than the good news of the kingdom of God. We have had to learn how to evangelize without the persecution that we are taking advantage of human suffering. People not only have souls, but stomachs. During the past summer our ministry has been feeding between 150,000 and 170,000 people. This is one of the reasons we’ve been doing this. The gospel cannot be preached in anesthetic conditions.

Evangel: As Christians, what is our biblical and moral responsibility to war-torn regions such as Bosnia?

Kuzmic: Bosnia is not only the place in the world where conflict exists. I think of Rwanda and many other places of suffering and brokenness, demonic outlasting and persecution. It is very important that we take the whole gospel and example of Jesus seriously. That we identify with the suffering. That we walk with the victims. That we take special care of the children and the elderly. That we feed the hungry. We must be at God’s disposal to be instruments of forgiveness, reconciliation, and confidence building.

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For the people of former Yugoslavia, danger is a way of life. Gunfire and shellings are commonplace in a war with seemingly no end in sight. The conflict between Serbs and Croats has virtually destroyed this Balkan region and caused untold suffering and loss of life.

But the church remains. Believers are risking their lives to offer help and hope to the hurting, and people are responding.

A key to ministry in this war zone is Evangelical Theological Faculty, an Assemblies of God Bible school in Osijek, Croatia. Founded in 1974, the school is recognized by all evangelical denominations and draws students from throughout Eastern Europe. Record numbers apply for admission despite the school's location in a war operations area.

Osijek is surrounded by the war on three sides and is only about 5 miles from the front lines. Heavy shelling continued throughout August, threatening the beginning of the school year. A fragile cease-fire is currently in place.

Since few students can pay for their education, ETF operates as a branch of AGAPE, a humanitarian outreach of the Assemblies of God in Croatia and Bosnia. This year 120 students from some 18 countries are enrolled in the full-time residential program. Another 60 students attend extension classes in other cities.

Many ETF students already have a university education but desire Bible training to prepare for God's call upon their lives. One student from Armenia is a university-educated electrical engineer who fled to Switzerland when fighting erupted in his homeland. Now he is reentering a war zone in preparation for ministry.

In addition to their studies, ETF students are required to be involved in ministry. Some work in local churches; others participate in evangelism teams or assist with AGAPE's work among refugees. As they distribute food, clothing, and blankets, the students witness. Many refugees have accepted Christ.

Setbacks threaten to slow AGAPE's efforts. Empty shelves at the feeding center in Bosnia reflect donors' weariness with the war. With no food, people become increasingly unreceptive to the students' message. Stress and fatigue caused by the constant thud of grenades and mortars take their toll emotionally and psychologically.

But the students remain undaunted. Three recent graduates are planning to assist a veteran pastor in a church-planting effort in Bihać. Earlier this year a church was established in Tuzla, a Muslim enclave in Vinkovci, a Croatian city on the front lines, a Pentecostal church averages 180 in attendance. At the beginning of the war the group numbered 35.

Satan wants to destroy the Balkans, and to many people he appears to be succeeding. But God is at work doing the miraculous to build the church in the midst of war. ETF students, convinced of His call, are willing to stay on the front lines to reach the lost.

Information for this article was supplied by Dale McLellan. He and his wife, Gail, received missionary appointment in 1984.

AGAPE
HUMANITARIAN AID FOR CROATIA AND BOSNIA

Fax Cover Sheet
DATE: September 20, 1995 TIME: 09:23
TO: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
FROM: ANTAL BALOG PHONE: +385.31.556.466
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BIHAĆ - Northwest Bosnia

Monday afternoon the 4th of September, 1995, Damir Špoljarić, member of the main presbytery of the Evangelical Church in Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina, Nikola Škrinjar, Coordinator of AGAPE for Bosnia & Herzegovina, and myself started our trip through Bosnia & Herzegovina. Tuesday, the 5th of September, 1995, 10 AM we arrived with our van full of food and literature in Bihać, the capital Northwest Bosnia, which is under the control of Bosnian Muslims. Our warehouse of 160 sq. meters has also two large offices. AGAPE is settled in the middle of the city and while we were looking for the street a man looking at the sign of AGAPE on our van spoke to us and said, “you surely are Evangelical for I saw your sign over there”. Bihać is a small city of about 50,000 inhabitants and it is obvious that information is spreading very fast about us.

Now in Bihać we have working for us Vanja Bule from Ploče, a student from our Evangelical Theological Seminary in Osijek, and Sandra a music teacher from Mostar, Bosnia & Herzegovina. They are spending their holidays in Bihać. From our talk we came to the conclusion that God in mysterious ways and in a very short time opened a door for our work in Bihać. During the day we worked out an agreement about the operation of the warehouse and distribution of food.

Before we left we gave an interview on the radio and TV station in Bihać, newspaper reporter, Emir Felić found us when he heard that we were in town. Generally, we agreed that we will have a live program on the air, one half an hour a week.

We left him tapes for one month’s radio program, and many empty cassettes, records with Christian songs, and provided him with office supplies before we left. We are sure that it is God’s will that we started the work in Bihać, because all doors were opened without any delay.
MOSTAR - South Bosnia & Herzegovina

On our way to Mostar we passed through areas that two weeks ago were closed to any traffic, because the battle was going on between the Croat and Serb armies. We stopped in Knin the main city of Serbian defenses in Croatia and drank coffee to celebrate the one month wedding anniversary of Damir.

In Mostar, the Croat capital in Bosnia & Herzegovina we arrived around midnight. Early the next morning NATO airplanes awoke us. We asked at 10 AM to meet with the Ministry of Labor and Social Care in the government of the Republic of Herzeg-Bosnia in Mostar, with Minister Davorin Ćordaš, because we had some problem with a truckload of food passing on the way to Tuzla. Nikola heard that they wanted the food to remain in Mostar and prevent the distribution to the Muslims. Our conversation with the Minister was in good relations. We found the matter was a misunderstanding and we were able to get passage for the truck and for future truckloads. Mr. Ćordaš emphasized that the work of AGAPE was outstanding in the past year.

TUZLA - Northeast Bosnia

For the next 10 hours we traveled toward Tuzla, the capital of Northeast Bosnia, which is under the control of Bosnian Muslims. We counted that we had been stopped and checked 26 times. As we started very late around 11 AM and with very strict police curfew in Tuzla which starts at 9 PM, we tried to make up the time we lost. We chose the shortest way but the more dangerous way through Ribnice. The road is very narrow mountainous road full of holes, water, mud... etc. I was afraid that we will be stuck somewhere in the forest. The road through Ribnice passing 150 meters from the Bosnia Serb occupied area, who shoot at whatever is moving on the road. On the way to Tuzla we passed near the Bosnia Serb occupied area 6 times at the distance of 300 meter up to 2 kilometers.

In Tuzla, Damir and I slept overnight in the house of a new believer, Mirjana Lukić. Up to late at night she was speaking to us of her conversion, about how God saved her and delivered her son from the serving in the elite troops of the Bosnian army. She was telling us how she survived these last three years selling her household goods in the surrounding villages, or exchanging them for food. She would have to rise early in the morning and sometimes in snow storms walk for hours to arrive first in the villages to sell or exchange her goods. Sometimes she would spend more for travel than for the food she brought home.

Ten month ago the work of AGAPE started in Tuzla and we can now say that there are about 40 Christian believers assembling there. Klaus Domcke and Nenad Jambrović are leading the humanitarian and mission work. Believers are assembling in the church every morning for morning prayer. At 10 AM we had a meeting with the Governor of Tuzla, Mr. Sliman Bešlagić and the chief officer of humanitarian work in Tuzla region. Our delegation had a goal to inform the government about our 9 months of work in Tuzla. Again it was a successful audience. The Governor obliged himself for further assistance.

After this we visited the office of the “Red Crescent” for the Tuzla region. We spoke with the director, Islam Tanović and his assistant. His assistant helps us with AGAPE. We have been invited for an interview with the chief director of TV & Radio Tuzla. We agreed to a one hour live transmission at the peak time 12:00. They agreed to frequently transmit our Christian program. With the “Red Crescent”
we visited the refugee camp of the refugees form Sebrenica and Zepa. Those people only have 2 meals per day and this is beans for lunch which they have had for the past 30 days. For supper they have bread and jam. We agreed that AGAPE will provide food for the third meal and for the next six months for the 2,500 people from Sebrenica and Zepa who are now in the refugee camps in 11 different locations. This so called “Third Meal Project”, will cost about 22,000 US Dollars for 6 months.

We visited the very old mother of Enes, the Muslim priest from Osijek, who is living in Lukavca near Tuzla and we brought her a package of food. While climbing up the mountain to her house there was a very strong explosion on the mountain Ozren, NATO was bombing a radio transmitter held by Bosnian Serbs.

Shortly after that we visited with Antti Tepponen, missionary from Finland. His project is in Gradacac a small town North of Tuzla, where 20 houses were rebuilt. He will remain in Tuzla to help our work.

That night TV & Radio Tuzla spoke of how the Governor of Tuzla had received our AGAPE delegation.

SARAJEVO - Central-Bosnia

Thursday morning we started for Sarajevo. Reaching the Mt. Igman we entered the convoy line of the “Rapid Reaction Forces” and with them we passed through the longest part. You can only enter into the city between the hours of 3 PM and 6 PM and it was already 5:45 PM. In Hrasnica, a small town between Mt. Igman and the Sarajevo airport, police are not giving any more permission to enter the city, so we went to the airport area through two other points. We passed through without delay.

On the last checkpoint the French officers would not allow us to pass on, “No Passerine” they said. I negotiated with them about 30 minutes so that even my companions tried to convince me that there was no chance of entering the city, and tried to convince me to go back. At this check point only UN personnel are allowed to pass. All other vehicles are passing through intense searching. I sent a message again to the officer asking him to receive me and the Captain answered me that I can pass through but not your companions. I insisted that all three of us have to pass through and finally they let us pass.

Entering the town near where we should park (so called “Sniper Square”) 25 minutes ago a “small” grenade (62 mm) wounded 9 people and 5 of them very seriously. After the next control point all three of us were convinced that God was opening all the doors for us and then they understood why they were detained at the French police checkpoint, for if they had not been delayed they would have been parking when the grenade fell.

Arriving in Sarajevo we found there most of the believers praying and studying the Bible. The first place we entered we found the people of God gathering together without them knowing we were coming. The believers in Sarajevo were convinced that it could only be the Holy Spirit’s guidance. We prayed together and then arranged what to do the next day.

We stayed with the family of Enver, a Bosnian Muslim, and Stane Redžić his wife, who is Croatian. Their son had died 9 months ago of cancer at the age of 22. He became a believer in Jesus before he died and his sister Jasna received the truth of the Gospel from him. After his death both parents believed also. Enver is now nominated the coordinator of AGAPE in Sarajevo and was able to get registration for the church in Sarajevo (before the war the church and AGAPE were registered in
Sarajevo under the old registration) which now was almost impossible during war time. Now this is the first church under new registration in Sarajevo and has the number “1”. He also was able to obtain a permit for public gathering which had been forbidden for everyone in Sarajevo.

During the morning we renewed administration work for AGAPE’s work. People from the church rose early to stand in line to get water from the city water supply to baptize the new believers. About noon time with the van we went to collect the containers of water and bought firewood to heat the water for the baptism. In Sarajevo the electricity is only coming every 6 days for 4 hours, there is no natural gas and there is no running water. The baptism took place at 4 PM and 20 people were present. From Osijek I took with me some red wine for the Communion Supper. After the meeting people were driven home in the van through the darken city. The night was very unpeaceful for me. I could not sleep because on the street UN tanks were storming by as well as the Bosnian Army. Before dawn NATO air strikes started. In the occupied Serbian area of Sarajevo there were alarms.

The next morning before our departure, I went to the balcony (overlooking Serbian sniper area of Orlovica 700 meter away), I saw Stana and she was crouching beside the stove waiting for the paper to burn down and she was ripping out the pages of the book “Yugoslavia Between 1918 & 1988”, and so she is keeping the fire going for the water to boil. I remembered that I asked her to make coffee the next morning, I forgot I am Sarajevo. I asked her how she managed to make us soup the other day and make a pie, she answered, “the same way -- we burn down last winter wall units, old blankets, old clothes and now it is time for the books.”

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first year in college for English. She was baptized a few months ago in Sarajevo. She took us to her 30 year old friend, Dafine, who accepted the Gospel two years ago and has been resisted by her husband and father-in-law because of her belief. During the conversation we realized that Dafine has never been in church. For she cannot go through the pipe which is 800 meter long and 1.2 meters high, which is the only connection with the rest of the world and Sarajevo airport, and she cannot go through the Mount Igman road. But she is reading her New Testament and praying when her soul is bowed down and when she has some doubts.

After an half an hour another two girls came, Sandra and Biljana Rakić which are Serbs, and wanted us to pray with them for they wanted to give their heart to Christ. We all were moved by the Holy Spirit after this prayer and we had tears in our eyes. We were ready to go when Dafine started to stop us, she wanted to be baptized by us. She had filled up the bathtub when she realized we were about to go. Jasna from Sarajevo and Enisa had a telephone conversation and so those in Hraznica knew were coming. So we had another baptism. While I was looking at their faces and how they decided to follow Christ, I was moved and convinced how Christ is building His church and nothing can stop or overcome Him.

*** Enisa was telling us how that in the past few months, she was questioned a few times at the police station, because she was spreading the Gospel. They did not understand how with both her parents being Muslim and in a Muslim town she could be witnessing for the Gospel of Christ. She is so petite and delicate, yet she showed such strength in believing that you do not see every day. She refused to promise that she will not speak about the Gospel. They invited her father and grandfather to the police station... she told us a long story, on the end she asked them by what law they can stop or forbid her to speak the Gospel, for they wanted to send her to prison. The inspector was without words, he stood up from the table and went out having urgent business. When he returned with some instruction from his bosses, he told her that, “during the war you must be quiet, but after the war you may put up a stage and make propagation of your belief wherever you want, now there is no Democracy until after the war, now go away”.

Over Mt. Igman and the mud we had no difficulties. We took two women with two children to Tarčin because the bus was out of order. It was their first outgoing from Sarajevo in 3 years. On the other side of Igman we waited 15 minutes, I waited outside of the van and my passport fell into the mud. If one women from the van did not see this, I probably would not be able to leave Bosnia and they could have taken me in the army. In Tarčin I gave her my business card and Enver’s address in Sarajevo.

After we left Bosnia we visited our church and Agape center in Ploče, Split and Rijeka which are in Croatia.

Chief Executive Officer
for Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina

Antal Balog
November 8, 1995

The Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize
The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation
10100 Santa Monica Boulevard (Suite 740)
Los Angeles, California 90067-4011

Dear Officials:

It is indeed a pleasure to nominate AGAPE International, a non-profit organization, and its President and Founder, Dr. Peter Kuzmic, for The Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize. AGAPE was founded in 1991 as an humanitarian relief missions organization for the war-torn Balkans with a special focus on Bosnia, Herzegovina, and Crootia. AGAPE is an organization that works in 24 Croatian and 16 Bosnian cities and towns in order to alleviate human suffering and to bring hope to the victims of the war in the Balkans. During 1995, AGAPE has distributed over 720 tons of dry food and clothing in these violence torn provinces to Croats, Muslims, Bosnians, and Serbs. In Osijek alone, a city flooded with refugees from Bosnia and occupied parts of Croatia, AGAPE served an average of 1,200 meals a day in their four hot food kitchens. In Pula, AGAPE opened a home for elderly refugees. AGAPE participated in the reconstruction and furnishing of the psychiatric clinic in Osijek that deals with the psychological and emotional effects of wartime trauma on teenagers and children. AGAPE supplied dry food items to the Virivitica Orphanage.

AGAPE, meaning love, is a word that is used by many groups, but the word AGAPE has taken on special meaning in the former Yugoslavia. In this part of the world where killing one’s neighbor because of his/her difference has become a way of life, offering help and hope to people of all nationalities and religious traditions has been the response to this area by AGAPE. The organization has fed Serbs, Muslims, and Croats in the same room, thus exemplifying the true meaning of love and concern for one’s fellowman.

The following information is provided to demonstrate how AGAPE International and its leader Dr. Peter Kuzmic have achieved tremendous feats in helping to improve the human condition during 1995.

Significant alleviation of pain and suffering, either directly or by stimulating wider efforts through public awareness.

- AGAPE sent 135 children from Mostar, Bosnia, to Crikvenica, Croatia, to the Christian Turistic Center for Retreat. This action helped to provide a safer and more secure environment for these children who suffer from psychological illnesses resulting from the war torn areas.
AGAPE assisted 60 children from Osijek to be transported to Italy to stay with persons who opened their hearts and homes.

AGAPE served over 1,000,000 meals, mostly to displaced refugees, during 1995 in the Hot Kitchen program without regard to their political affiliations.

AGAPE developed the Dry Food Project. They distributed packages of dry goods to approximately 115,000 persons in 1995 at 27 distribution sites in the Balkans.

AGAPE developed a home in Pula for the elderly who were exiled from their homes by the war at the end of their lives. These elderly persons had their homes destroyed; they have no children or financial support to provide for the rebuilding of their homes. They will be able to live the rest of their lives in the home.

AGAPE developed a project to help handicapped children and adults who are neglected by society.

AGAPE provided special medical aid for 100 people with open wounds. These wounded persons were neglected by society, and they did not have the needed finances for medical support or for food.

AGAPE also provided research to find missing family members.

AGAPE maintained a non-profit radio program called IZVORI VJERE. The program was broadcast from 27 different stations, 25 minutes per station a week for 52 weeks during 1995. The program reached thousands of listeners hungry for encouragement and hope.

Extraordinary action to save human lives, help the afflicted, and advance humanitarian principles:

As war continued, AGAPE went into the midst of the war torn areas of Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina to deliver dry food, serve meals through its Hot Kitchens, and provide medical and hygienic supplies to refugees, displaced persons, and the wounded. They helped to move hurting and distressed persons such as children and the elderly to safer and more secure dwellings out of the war stricken areas.

AGAPE obtained permission from the Bosnian government, which had strongholds in the primarily Muslim held city of Zenica, to distribute thirty tons of dry food. During the first three months of 1995, as fighting continued fiercely around Tuzla and with unexpected daily shelling in the city, AGAPE delivered over fifty tons of food to the Muslim and Croat residents. Monthly, in the Slavonian area, there were approximately 3500 families who received dry food and hygienic items while almost 2000 families received clothing.

Sustainable benefits, for those who were helped and for associated groups or organizations:

AGAPE established Hot Kitchens to feed more than one million persons. The organization developed a sustainable system to distribute 720 tons of food and
clothing to war torn areas. AGAPE established a permanent home for the elderly, and it reconstructed an orphanage in Virovitica. It also opened another orphanage in Rosinj. It held joint reconciliation meetings with Christian leaders from all the Republics of the former Yugoslavia with the intent to provide forums where the leaders could express their pain and frustrations in order to promote better long-term understanding between the different groups. The meetings were held on neutral grounds in Southern Hungary. AGAPE developed partnerships to help sustain its humanitarian efforts with such organizations as World Vision International, Lutheran World Federation, Samaritans Purse, LaKarmisionen, Cedar Fund, World Relief, Star of Hope, Tear Fund, Mercy Corporation, Assemblies of God, Dorkas Aid, Church of God, Nehemiah. Partners International, Erikshjalpen, Gethsemani, Finnish Free Foreign Missions. Operation Blessing International, MAP International, Church World Service, PMU Interlife, Merhamet—a Muslim group, and many other groups.

Creating solid foundations for self-help and reconciliation:

- AGAPE was founded on Christian principles of love and extending a helping hand to one's fellowman. The organization takes an active role in ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of people. It partners with churches and other community-based agencies to meet the needs of people at the lowest levels. AGAPE conducts reconciliation and leadership development workshops. Through its radio programs, reconciliation meetings, and other gatherings, AGAPE tries to get people to forgive, forget, and to be reconciled in love to other human beings. This effort has brought church leaders together from opposing sides as a means to bring about long-lasting forgiveness and inner healing. It has developed self help programs whereby people can work together to build new lives for themselves.

Showing initiative, imagination and efficiency, as well a serving as model to others:

- AGAPE has shown great initiative, imagination and efficiency by working with local churches and other world-wide organizations to achieve its objectives of providing relief for the war torn areas of Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina. The organization has used many avenues such as radio programming to deliver a message of hope and encouragement. Less than 5% of AGAPE's cash contributions is spent on administration. Most work is performed by volunteers.

Working in a cooperative spirit with others, including local organizations, sharing knowledge and experience:

- AGAPE has worked in cooperative partnership with at least 50 international organizations as a development and relief agency for Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina. It has established relief and encouragement programs with local
churches. It has worked with local governments to provide relief to hurting areas. It has conducted training sessions so that other groups would be made aware of needs as well as ways to provide the relief.

For a small organization, innovative focus and exceptional prospects:

- AGAPE has an innovative focus of trying to reach the inner being through love and physical relief. While it meets the physical needs of people, it also ministers hope, reconciliation, and encouragement to all people regardless of ethnic or religious backgrounds. This organization has demonstrated that it has exceptional potential to continue and expand its work while serving as a role model to the world.

Before concluding, I would like to tell you about AGAPE’s founding President. Dr. Peter Kuzmic is fluent in several languages. He is a member of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights. After receiving a teacher’s diploma and graduating from a European Bible College, he earned his Bachelor’s from Southern California College in Costa Mesa, CA; Master’s from Wheaton Graduate School, Chicago, IL; and Th.M. and Doctorate of Theology from Catholic Faculty of Theology in Zagreb, (Ph.D., University of Zagreb). In 1992, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Asbury Theological Seminary. A former pastor of two growing churches, Dr. Kuzmic is the founding president of the Evandjeoski Teoloski Fakultet in Osijek, Croatia, the only evangelical theological college with a graduate program in Eastern Europe and the Balkans. An award-winning writer, Dr. Kuzmic has authored four books, including a major study on the history and influences of Slavic Bible translations upon their literature, languages and culture. He has contributed to numerous compendiums, handbooks and encyclopedias. He played a significant role through his writing and public speaking in dismantling totalitarianism while raising awareness of the sufferings of the people in the Balkans.

Again, it is with the deepest honor that I nominate AGAPE International for the Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Wayne Kraiss, President

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Editor’s note: A team of four traveled recently to war-torn Bosnia: Gregory Mundis, Europe director-designate for Assemblies of God Foreign Missions; Randy Hurst, Foreign Missions communications director; Tim Schirman, video producer; and Hal Donaldson, *Evangel* editor. Following are excerpts from Hal Donaldson’s personal journal.

Saturday, 11:35 a.m.—Our Austrian Airlines jet is circling Sarajevo, preparing its approach to the tarmac. Buildings below lie in ruin, as if a tornado has ravaged the city.

11:55, Sarajevo—Luggage is unloaded into a pile at the terminal. We’re trapped in a melee as people retrieve their bags. Our team is met by local church leaders. Antal Balog, general secretary of the church in Croatia, has driven many hours from Croatia to serve as our guide. We exchange warm embraces, sensing an immediate spiritual bond.

12:25 p.m.—We travel to a neighborhood 500 yards from the airport. Buildings hit by mortar shells are gutted. Rusty, burned automobiles are turned on their sides. We are warned to stay off patches of dirt and snow. An estimated 5 million land mines still exist in the country. It’s difficult to comprehend the bloodshed that corrupted these streets.

12:55 p.m.—Greg Mundis, moved by the devastation that surrounds him, leads the group in an impromptu prayer: “Father, these buildings are a symbol of pain, heartache and brokenness. Yet Your Spirit is here. May Your Spirit empower these brothers and sisters in Christ. Encourage and strengthen them. May we be an encouragement to them these next two days. Holy Spirit, direct our steps.”

1 p.m.—We begin a tour of the city in two vans. I ride in front with Sasha, a former heroin addict now serving as an elder in the Pentecostal church. Destruction is everywhere. People are living in buildings perforated by bullets and mortar shells. It appears war could erupt again but for the peacekeeping soldiers and tanks that patrol the city.

2:15 p.m.—Sasha offers a history lesson on the war between Serbs, Croats and Muslims. “People were more open to God during the war,” he says. “Less so now, but...” He stops mid-sentence to announce we are entering the front lines.

[Photo: Antal Balog, Zoran Baresic, Dragan, Sasha, Hal Donaldson and Greg Mundis bow in prayer.]

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2:40 p.m.—Sasha explains that he and his pastor Dragan and other members of the church were required to fight in the war. He anticipates my next question—“It’s not like Hollywood; you fire your weapon but do not know what you hit.” We pass a soccer stadium where a player’s leg was blown off by a land mine. Then we pass an open market where 90 people were killed by a grenade. Every street corner seems to lay claim to its own tragedy.

8:00 a.m.—I ride with Karmelo, pastor of The Church of the Good News in Mostar. The roads are dark. Pedestrians seem to materialize on the side of the road.

8:10 p.m.—Karmelo tells how a man pressed a gun to his head at the church and then fired a shot into the air. “God protected me,” he says. “He finally let me go. But life didn’t mean anything during the war. There was no punishment for killing. A life was worth the price of a bullet—50 cents. There were snipers everywhere ... and stealing.”

9:45 p.m., Mostar—We arrive at an apartment complex—a tall building defaced by bullets and mortar shells. We climb an unlit stairway with a flashlight and quickly settle into our beds. I pray myself to sleep, repenting for my life of ease and comfort.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.—Before attending service at The Church of the Good News, we inspect the only church in predominantly Muslim East Mostar and the only Bible school in Bosnia. These were powerful works founded by Nikola Skrinjarić—“Bosnia’s Apostle.” Minarets dot the community, yet this Christian work is a beacon of hope. A gypsy woman begs for coins as we enter the church and school. The building, destroyed during the war, is being remodeled. On the rooftop is a small basketball court, where children come to play and hear about Jesus.

10:10 a.m.—The Sunday service has already started at Karmelo’s church. From the parking lot we hear joyous praise and singing. More than 100 people have gathered in a tiny room. Greg preaches and several raise their hands to receive Jesus. Members of the church stand to testify of God’s...
faithfulness. Their courage is both inspiring and convicting.

12:40 p.m.—Visiting the old city, we see the destruction where 2,000 mortar shells hit the city each day. So many were killed that parks have been transformed into cemeteries.

6:30 p.m., Sarajevo—
Entering a narrow room, we join about 125 Christians in Sarajevo. Hands are raised. A young woman leads in worship, flanked by a bass guitar, drums and keyboard. As Greg is preaching, people are wiping tears from their eyes. They come to the front for prayer. With Drag and Sasha, lay hands on them.

8:30 p.m.—I bid farewell to Sasha, knowing I may never see him again. I have to fight the tears. Tim begins filming testimonies of various church members. We are visibly moved by their commitment and sacrifice. Randy leaves to cry alone in the hallway.

10:50 p.m.—We sleep on cots in an unheated room above the church. With my face buried under the covers, I pray, “Lord, what can I do to help my new friends? What can I do to lift their burden and help them reach the lost?” My questions continue well into the night.

Monday, 9 a.m.—We tour the business district. An orphan boy pleads for money. I learn through an interpreter that he is 9 and his father was killed during the war. He now lives with his grandmother and is wanting to buy food and wood. My heart breaks. I hand him some money.

10 a.m.—We visit the Agape feeding center, where about 35 children receive breakfast each morning. Children anxiously await their meal, seeking attention, anxious to receive hugs and smiles. I observe a blond and blue-eyed girl, her timid little sister in tow. They remind me of my own daughters—but these children don’t play with Barbies and eat at McDonald’s. They play with empty bullet shells and eat one meal a day.

10:10 a.m.—I introduce myself to a young Croatian—a soldier during the war. Peeling back his shirt sleeve, he shows me where shrapnel pierced his flesh. I wince at the sight of his disfigured arm. An undetectable anger erupts in me for what Satan has stolen from this country.

10:55 a.m.—We visit a young couple in their one-room apartment. They serve us cookies and coffee—though they are unemployed and struggling to survive. The wife is pregnant and we are asked to pray for her. Then her mother, a Muslim, invites us to pray for her sore back. This is considered a spiritual breakthrough, for she has never permitted anyone to lay hands on her and pray before.

12:05 p.m.—We head to the airport to return to Vienna. Tears well up in my soul at the thought of leaving my brothers and sisters behind. All I know to do is close my eyes and pray that Christians back home will pray earnestly and give generously so more people in Bosniz can hear about Jesus.
NOTHING PREPARED US FOR BOSNIA. THE DARK, UNINVITING AIR TERMINAL WAS AN UNDERSTATED PREVIEW OF THE ATMOSPHERE TO COME. WITHIN A FEW MINUTES' DRIVE FROM THE AIRPORT, JARRING SIGHTS OF A WAR ZONE WERE ASSAULTING OUR EMOTIONS. THE INCREDIBLE DEVASTATION WAS SO EXTENSIVE IT SEEMED UNREAL.

The first neighborhood we visited appeared deserted. Gradually we saw a few signs of habitation. Lace-curtained windows were framed by walls blanketed with bullet holes. Clothes hanging out to dry in a few places disclosed that people actually live there.

"Don't step on the grass!" Antal said.

"Why?" I asked.

"Mines," he simply replied. Then I saw the yellow strips of warning tape in various places.

Police were stationed 24 hours a day in front of the house where we stayed in Sarajevo because of bomb threats by extremists. In certain areas, we were cautioned not to let our cameras be seen. The peace is still fragile and uneasy.

In the city of Mostar, we were led by a flashlight up several flights of concrete steps in a heavily shelled apartment building. We passed through a door with special security locks into a comfortable apartment the church has readied for Christian guests.

Bosnia presents an imponderable combination of feelings and images ... of sorrow and joy, of death and life. Lovely little city parks have been converted to cemeteries to accommodate the victims of a senseless and costly war. Outsiders cannot adequately comprehend the historic conflict in Bosnia. The former Yugoslavia was a complex country with six republics, two autonomous regions, and five Slavic nationalities. Three main religious groups were prominent—Serbian and Macedonian Eastern Orthodox, Croat and Slovenian Catholics, and Bosnian and Albanian Muslims. The tensions and animosity in this complex environment have risen and subsided but have never gone away.

The war in Bosnia was not merely an uncontrollable outbreak of "ancient hatreds" as journalists often reported. Assemblies of God missionary leader Peter Kuzmic disagrees with those who contend that the war was primarily ethnic and religious. "It was a territorial war in which political leaders with sick ambitions enlarged their territories regardless of human cost," he states. "Both ethnic and religious sentiments were manipulated to achieve inhumane goals." More than 200,000 people were killed and three million became homeless refugees in Bosnia and Croatia.

Bosnia is a study in contradictions. At times, the sun is shining and children are at play. But just about...
anywhere, a glance in any direction reveals vestiges of the war. The impression persists. This is a dark place. In contrast are the Christian believers who fulfill their Lord's words, "Ye are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). The Lord of the harvest has chosen faithful and effective laborers to show the light of the Savior in a dark place.

Prior to the war that erupted in April 1992, only a few dozen born-again believers could be found in all of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the least evangelized country in Europe. Today more than 500 worship in seven established congregations and more than a dozen house groups, several of which are rapidly developing into churches. Tens of thousands of Bosnians have been touched by their direct witness.

Peter Kuzmic is the son of an Assemblies of God pioneer in Slovenia. In 1991 he founded the Agape relief agency, which serves the suffering people in the name of Christ. At the height of the war more than 100,000 people were fed on a regular basis through 34 distribution centers in Croatia and Bosnia. It has also distributed more than 2,000 tons of clothing and shoes to the homeless. "We give them daily bread, but on the other hand we give them eternal bread," he says. "We need to be compassionate evangelizers, bringing the good news of Jesus Christ as the
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NEW LIFE. NOUSE ANY ORGANIZED RELIGION. IF GOD EXISTED, THE YOUNG MAN REASONED, HE
WAS SURE GOD WOULD BE UNDESERVING OF ONE’S ALLEGIANCE. AFTER ALL, WHERE WAS GOD
WHEN NAPOLITAN WAS KILLED BY WAR? WHY DIDN’T GOD DO SOMETHING WHEN THOUSANDS WERE
KILLED AND HUNDREDS WERE FORCED FROM THEIR HOMES?

AFTER YEARS, HE WAS CONSUMED BY GREED AND SELF-INDULGENCE. HE DESPISED
RELIGIOUS PRACTICES AND ITS “MAN-MADE” RESTRICTIONS. MONEY AND DRUGS WERE HIS
GOALS.

His PICTURES CHANGED, HOWEVER, WHEN HE DISCOVERED THROUGH A FRIEND THAT
SALVATION COULD NOT BE EARNED, IT IS A GIFT OF GOD THROUGH HIS SON JESUS CHRIST. FOR THE
YOUTH HAD HEARD OF GOD’S GRACE AND MERCY, THAT THE
APOCALYPSE WAS NOT A FUTURE COMING RATHER THAN A DISTANT
EXECUTIONER.

HE SURRENDERED HIS LIFE TO CHRIST AND
RENOVISHED HIS RECKLESS WAYS. BUT HE KNEW HIS FAMILY
WOULD PAY A PRICE FOR HIS NEWFOUND FAITH.

THEY HAD BEEN SO POOR, HE CANNOT FIND
EMPLOYMENT. NIGERIA’S TROUBLED ECONOMY. HE AND
HIS WIFE HAVE RECEIVED DEATH THREATS AND OTHER FORMS
OF PERSECUTION.

HIS NAME IS NIJAZ. HE REFUSES TO CONCEAL
HIS LOVE FOR CHRIST. HE SHARES HIS FAITH BOLDLY, INVITING
PEOPLE TO ATTEND A BIBLE STUDY HELD IN HIS HUMBLE ONE-
ROOM APARTMENT.

HE AND HIS WIFE ARE SIMPLE. THEY EKE OUT AN EXISTENCE. BUT THEY
CHOOSE NOT TO COMPLAIN. CONSIDERING IT A PRIVILEGE TO SUFFER FOR THE CAUSE OF CHRIST. “I
WISH I HAD THE DESIRE FOR MONEY THAT I HAD BEFORE,” NIJAZ SAYS. “I JUST WANT TO GIVE
MYSELF TO THE LORD SO OTHER PEOPLE CAN KNOW HIM AS THEIR SAVIOR.”

HE SAYS OF ATTENDING BIBLE SCHOOL, BUT HE KNOWS THIS WILL REQUIRE A MIRACLE. FOR
NOW, PRAYING FOR HIS FAMILY AND HELPING HIS BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST MUST TAKE
PRIORITY.

THE SPIRIT OF HIS HEART IS NOT BORNE OUT OF SELFISH AMBITION. HE LONGS FOR THE HOLY
SPIRIT TO MOVE ACROSS HIS COUNTRY. “PLEASE PRAY IN AMERICA THAT REVIVAL WILL COME TO
BOSNIA,” HE SAYS. “AND WE WILL PRAY IN BOSNIA THAT REVIVAL WILL COME TO AMERICA.”

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world. Where sin, hostility and hatred have abounded, grace has done so even more. In a country ravaged by division and hatred, almost equal numbers of people from Croatian, Serbian and Muslim heritage can be found serving God together in harmony in Spirit-filled churches.

The mayor of a major city, as well

...
Croatia and Bosnia & Hercegovina

With the collapse of communism, came the disinTEGRATION of the socialist federations such as the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia. Five new countries came into existence with the painful breakup of the former Yugoslavia, they are Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia & Hercegovina, Macedonia and Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). The horrible war in Croatia (1991-1992) and the subsequent tragedy in Bosnia & Hercegovina have presented a special challenge to the Pentecostal movement in that region where over 200,000 people have been killed and approximately 3 million became homeless refugees.

In December 1991, the churches organized a relief ministry called Agape with a philosophy of «two hands ministry: with one hand we give daily bread for people who are physically hungry, while the other hand we give spiritual bread because they are spiritually hungry.» Through a wonderful partnership with the churches from all over Europe and from overseas, Agape has been able to feed literally hundreds of thousands of refugees through its hot kitchen programs and dry food packages, distributed countless tons of clothing, helped establish orphanages, assisted agricultural and livestock programs, etc. At the same time, over 800 thousand copies of Scriptures and other Christian literature such as The Book of Life, David Wilkerson's Cross and the Switchblade and Billy Graham's Peace with God, have been distributed among the refugees and other non-evangelized victims of the war.

The last joint meetings of the Pentecostal pastors from all over Yugoslavia were held in neutral grounds in Southern Hungary. After that, each new political entity organized their own national fellowship.

In Croatia the movement is organized in 26 local congregations and a number of house fellowships organized into a national fellowship called Evangéllska Crkva. Croatia has also taken a leading role in missionary work in Bosnia & Hercegovina which is the least evangelized and most needy country in all of Europe. Several missionaries have been sent from Croatia to Bosnia and as a result of their work and of the openings provided by Agape's humanitarian ministries, seven churches have been established in Bosnia since the war began. The most exciting growth is experienced in the churches in Mostar, Sarajevo and Tuzla. People of all three nationalities (Bosnian Muslim, Serbs and Croats) have experienced salvation and the fullness of the Spirit in these churches and present a strong witness to the renewing an unifying grace and power of God as they worship together in a land of division and animosities. Pentecostals have by far, the most significant mis-

sionary work of any Protestant churches in all of Bosnia. Partnership with mission organizations and Pentecostal movements in other countries is needed as several other cities are presently being targeted for church planting in key Bosnian towns. More information on this and Agape ministries can be received from: Presbiterv Cvetkova 32, PP 370, 3103 Osijek, Croatia. Evangéllska Crkva in Croatia is, along with the Baptists, a leading evangelical church in the predominantly Catholic country where Protestants are only a tiny minority. The ministers are trained at the Evangéllska Teološki Fakultet in Osijek, the school which is this year celebrating its 25th anniversary. The school has trained hundreds of ministers of various nationalities who today work in more than 40 countries of the world and have pioneered many churches in the republics of former Yugoslavia and other post-communist nations of Eastern Europe. Last Fall two of its extension centers became residential Pentecostal Bible schools for their countries, namely in Mostar for Bosnia & Hercegovina, under leadership of Nikola Skrinjaric and in Novi Sad for Serbia & Montenegro under the leadership of Alexander Mitrovic and Dusan Klijfajic. The emphasis in these schools is primarily to train evangelistic workers and church planters.

The movement publishes three magazines: Izvori, (general magazine for spiritual life); Radost, (joy for women); and Latica, (for children). Magazines are an important evangelistic tool and go to many public schools and refugee camps. The gospel is also preached on 18 radio stations with a positive response. The most encouraging thing in the movement in both Croatia and Bosnia & Hercegovina is that most churches are experiencing significant growth and have developed new and creative ways of touching people with the love of Christ at the point of their greatest need. Dr. Peter Kaznic

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Agape Vukovar Opening

We are proud to announce the opening of a new property in Vukovar on December 29th. The building will house the Agape Warehouse-Distribution Center, the AGAPE Spiritual Counseling Center, and possibly a new Hot Kitchen (a hot meal served daily to needy families). In addition, the property will house the new believer's prayer meetings, Bible studies and eventually fullchurch services for the Evangelical Church of Vukovar. Praise God for His guidance and timing. This building is renovated, with finishings being completed in January 1998. In this Eastern Croatian city which underwent a three-month siege of constant shelling in the beginning of the war, we have a vision to bring life and hope into this destroyed city. We believe God will raise up the banner of Christ, transforming Vukovar physically, economically, and spiritually. Please join us in prayer for this strategic ministry.

4th Annual Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Christmas 1997 was the fourth consecutive year that AGAPE partnered with Samaritan's Purse in distributing the "Shoebox" gifts to children in schools and orphanages throughout Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina. This year, Samaritan's Purse International of Great Britain brought 35,000 shoebox gifts and Samaritan's Purse (America) sent an additional 20,000 gifts for distribution, with a total weight of 10,000 Kilos (22,000 pounds).

The British team included COVENANT music group, which sang a repertoire of Christmas and Christian songs prior to giving out the packages. They visited a number of cities across Croatia and also 3 cities in Bosnia: Tuzla, Sarajevo, and Mostar. Their tour ended and culminated in Mostar with 1,500 children singing with joy and lifting up the name of Jesus. Agape extends the warmest and deepest thanks to Mike Trott (Sam. Purse Int!) and his brother Toni Trott (Mustard Seed) and the whole team for their partnership in reaching the children of this land.

Child Development Game Kits

Kathy Angi, child psychotherapist, is no stranger to this land having come to Croatia four times already. Moreover, specific projects coming to completion will bring her back more than once in 1998. One project, which has been over a year in the making, came as a result of Kathy listening to and observing the needs of teachers and other child professionals. She became aware of teachers’ needs to address the emotional problems of children as a result of direct and indirect trauma experienced during the war. They needed help in obtaining a means by which children could open up and talk about their fears, emotions and problems and they needed tools to teach better communication and interpersonal skills, even at grade school levels. Using resources from the United States, Mrs. Angi worked in coordination with Mrs. Ela Balog (Manager, Institute for Christian Education) and Mrs. Michelle Kurtz (Manager, Institute for Life, Peace and Justice) to develop a kit of three educational games to be translated and made available for professionals in Croatia and Bosnia.

Dr. Ladislav Bogner, University of Osijek, and a pioneer in this region in peace education with teachers and children, is the on-site director of the project working with Ela, Michelle and Kathy. The kit will be launched Easter 1998 at the first of three training seminars for teachers in using the games. These teachers will in turn train other teachers across Croatia. Later, the kits will be introduced in Bosnia & Herzegovina in the fall of 1998 following the same concept. A third training seminar is tentatively scheduled for next winter as follow-up training refining use of the kits. Plans for developing a newsletter to help teachers network and receive further instruction are also included in the overall program.

The three games are about managing fears, finding good ways to deal with anger, on handling conflict resolution. All three area are common ones of difficulty for people...
who have experienced trauma and here they are developed in a game format to make them more accessible to children.

Agape thanks Mrs. Angi and donations from the Presbyterian Church (USA) for making this important tool possible. By equipping national professionals with the information and means, this project has the potential for long lasting positive impacts on the next generation in this troubled region. Practical needs of the childrens' complete health, physical, emotional, and mental, brought with the message of peace of the Gospel is critical to bringing a lasting peace to this land. Please pray that this and other Agape programs would be effective in bringing emotional healing and hope to children, parents and professionals in Croatia and Bosnia.

Used Vans for Agape
With the United Nations leaving Eastern Croatia soon, there are many vehicles that will be sold, and we have been quoted a very good purchase price for used vans to be used by AGAPE. These vans will be used for transporting humanitarian aid, Christian literature; and general transportation for ministry workers and visiting mission teams. This is an answer to prayer, for we have been in serious need of additional vehicles for two years. We thank God for His provision of the means to purchase the vans.

Post Traumatic Stress Books
In seeking to address the needs of the whole person, Agape continues to meet physical needs while also seeing more clearly the tremendous need in the area of public mental health. For many, the physical wounds from the war are visible – a missing leg, a missing arm, scars were shrapnel entered a body, some people still carry metal fragments in their bodies. Others clearly need food, clothing or basic hygiene items. Emotional wounds are less readily visible, but are equally present and damaging as physical wounds.

The church has begun reaching out to minister Christian counseling to heal these wounds. Yet, much work remains. In order to reach the most people and touch lives over a long period of time, Agape sought last spring to identify, translate and publish a handful of books which could reach a wide audience. Thanks to donations through the Medical Division of the the Presbyterian Church (USA), Agape is moving forward with the publication and printing of two books for wide distribution in Croatia and Bosnia.

The first book entitled Handbook for Victims is for a wide general reading audience to help them individually and within their families face the trauma they have encountered. The second title Transforming the Pain is a text most beneficial for mental health practitioners dealing with vicarious, or secondary, trauma. Vicarious trauma is what happens to people who care for people who have been traumatized. When professionals listen to the stories and hurt with their clients, they too are traumatized though to a lesser degree. This secondary trauma can become a serious problem limiting their ability to function at their fullest capacity.

These books are just the beginning. Agape is looking for other titles available for translation and printing for wide distribution and maximal effectiveness. We anticipate publishing a total of five books in this series.

Livestock Project
The CEO of AGAPE has been working hard to prepare for the purchase and distribution of approximately 60 cows, 10 pigs and chickens to for donation to needy families. This project has been funded by a donation from the Presbyterian Church (USA) and involves finding families who are returning to their homes in the formerly occupied areas of Croatia and Bosnia, and who have lost everything in the war. The conditions of the gift are that in a year or so, when their animals have reproduced, the family (original recipient) will then give a young animal to a neighbor who is in need. In this way, the gift goes on giving, and we hope to foster a return of the tradition of neighbor helping neighbor, no matter what his ethnic background.

New Hot Kitchen in Sarajevo
The war in Bosnia is over, but the suffering continues. Christians are commanded to feed the hungry, serve the poor, reach out to the destitute in our generation, and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. After spending much time in prayer, the church in Sarajevo and the leadership of AGAPE opened another Hot Kitchen and cafeteria in Sarajevo. There the residents of the STUP II section of Sarajevo, mostly elderly Muslims, some of whom had not had meat since the war started, can have one hot, wholesome meal per day. This area is near the airport, and received some of the heaviest shelling during the war. It was known as “No Mans Land”; and though nearly totally destroyed, now houses many refugees from Eastern Bosnia. The inhabitants live in severely damaged buildings without basic amenities. The AGAPE project initially served 20 meals in a cafeteria type area for sit-down eating. We
believe this has opened the door to sharing the Gospel in a casual setting. In the Lord’s guidance, the kitchen first served elderly Muslims served by the Christian sisters, who prepared and served the meals and also ministered to the men. The opening month was funded in part by the Sound of Triumph Church in Elkins, West Virginia. To keep it running, $1,140 USD in donations are necessary per month.

West Virginia Church Sends Container

any thanks to the Kempsville Presbyterian Church in Kempsville, Virginia and especially to Vjekoslav and Ervina Sabljak for sending a full container of children’s clothing, toys and books to Agape (Osijek) last summer. Ervina and Ela Balog distributed the donations to the local Association of Handicapped Children, Association of Mentally Disabled Children, and an organization of displaced people, and to kindergartens in Eastern Slavonia. The kindergartens and children were especially pleased to receive decorations for Christmas and Easter as well as costumes for school plays and dramas. On behalf of the seminary, we also thank them for the books sent for the ETS library.

Play Therapy Reaching Children

raumatic events are more upsetting to children because they lack the ability to fully understand and look at such things objectively. They lack life experience, which teaches them how to cope. In fact, many of the events certain children are forced to deal with would incapacitate the strongest and most mentally stable adult.

Could you imagine being 7 years old and hiding for months in a dark, damp and cold cellar out of fear of being killed by bombs which you could hear constantly overhead? Or how about being 10 years old and being forced to flee at gun point from your dinner one evening leaving literally everything behind? As a 13 year old, could you cope with seeing your mother raped? Could you even begin to imagine how a 4 year old might try to handle a situation in which he or she witnessed the mutilation and death of various family members due to shells, bullets and landmines? Yes, these atrocities occurred during the war. The need for psychological assistance is just as strong now as during the war due to several factors.

First, many children have never been helped due to a severe shortage of mental health professionals. These children are growing physically, but are prevented from developing mentally since their minds are cluttered with painful thoughts of the war. Second, even those who received some help still need follow-up counseling as they mature, since the benefit they received from therapy as a preschooler is different from the benefits they can obtain as a school age child or adolescent. Third, children who did not suffer direct traumatic experiences during the war may now be living very traumatic lives as a result of abuse and neglect by parents who themselves were traumatized by the war. For example, alcoholism and family problems are on the increase. Fourth, the mental health professionals in the region are extremely tired as a result of continuous and difficult work for 7 consistent years—many are becoming burned-out. Fifth, the “usual” needs that psychologists address in children are still presenting themselves such as children with mental and physical disabilities like Down’s Syndrome and Cerebral Palsy, those with chronic illnesses like cancer and diabetes, and children with academic/learning difficulties.

Without continued psychological support, programs the social situation could rapidly deteriorate. Already, juvenile crime and suicide have increased dramatically. One 16 year old’s story is all too common. One day at the age of 10, he witnessed the horrible death of his close friend who was killed by a shell as they were walking down the street together. Now, like many others, he has extreme guilt and anger that is a result of feeling powerless to prevent such losses of life. This tragedy has caused him to suffer a great blow to his sense of self-worth. Today, he and teens like him are literally roaming the streets looking for a sense of identity and purpose in life. But even those too young to remember the war (or who were not even born yet) are being affected by its aftermath. For example, small children can not play on the only slide in a park because it is full of shrapnel holes, nor can they wonder (as far from their mothers’ reach as landmines are still lurking around, nearly everywhere)

Sometimes it is hard to say what is worse for children, to have had something and lose it, or never to have experienced having that something in the first place. Such is the sad story of refugee children living in camps. Many can remember how good and secure life was before the war—their home, friends, neighborhood etc. Remembering such things saddens them, but they have at least an idea of what they could strive to regain in their lives. But the children under 10 can only remember living in the camps—which is an abnormal and stressful place to develop. There are truly so many needy children with whom the Lord has presented us the opportunity to support.

One way AGAPE assists children with psychological needs is by supporting various institutions which address these needs. Brett McMichael, a psychologist with

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specialized training in child development, grief 
counseling and play therapy has been working on behalf 
of AGAPE in conjunction with local professionals 
(psychologists, doctors, teachers, etc.) to design and 
implement creative treatment programs to help children. 
Although this is Brett’s first experience in dealing with 
children from war, he has years of experience in 
dealing with children who have experienced traumatic 
events including abuse and abandonment as well as 
those coping with disabilities and chronic illnesses.

At present AGAPE is involved in the following ministries:
1. Osijek Hospital – Pediatric Units – Providing play 
   and expressive therapies, health education, and 
   psychological support to children with acute and 
   chronic illnesses, also provide grief counseling 
   groups for children and teens who have lost close 
   friends and members of their families.
2. SOS Children’s Village Orphanage – Providing 
   academic assistance for children with learning 
   difficulties, sports and recreational activities, and 
   individual child counseling for those with social-
   emotional adjustment problems resulting from 
   abandonment and abuse.
3. Kindergarten in Vukovar – Providing didactic games 
   and creative activities to supplement the normal 
   educational program as a way of helping children 
   cope more effectively with living in a war damaged 
   area.
4. Vukovar Hospital – Pediatric Unit – Providing early 
   stimulation activities for underdeveloped children 
   (some of whom have been abandoned) and art and 
   play therapy for patients with acute illnesses (many 
   illnesses are due to living in extreme poverty as a 
   result of the war).
5. Gasince Refugee Camp – Providing psychological 
   support for school aged children through games, art, 
   drama, and other activities that address such issues 
   as dealing with loss, poor self-esteem, conflicts with 
   peers, and adjusting to new environments.
6. Parent’s Association for Mentally Disabled Children 
   and Youth – Providing adapted recreational 
   activities and academic assistance as well as 
   teaching life skills and how to cope with family and 
   school problems.

As a carpenters need hammers, saws, planes etc. to do 
their work effectively, so also those who work with 
children need tools to complete their work. Instead of 
hammers though, we use toys, books, musical 
instrucments, puzzles, board games, sports equipment, 
art supplies, and drama materials. These items allow us 
to reach children in different ways since some respond 
better to art therapy, for example, while others respond 
better to music therapy. Also these materials serve a 
dual purpose, both educational (for example learning the 
parts of the body using a doll) as well as therapeutic (for 
example discussing how a doll, which symbolically 
represents the child, might feel when it must leave its 
parents). In addition to these “tools”, furniture and 
interior decor appropriate for children is also important 
as it creates an environment suitable for such activities. 
Audio-visual equipment is very useful for instruction in 
various content areas and serves as a pleasant 
distraction from upsetting environments such as the 
hospital. Also needed are physical/occupational therapy 
equipment and language therapy/special education 
materials for children with special needs. We ask that 
you prayerfully consider ways in which the Lord might 
use you to help us minister to His dear little ones here.

1 Million Meals

The Osijek hot food kitchen served it 1,000,000th 
meal by December 25, 1997. It has been our 
pleasure to serve the hungry, poor and elderly in 
this ministry. “Lord, when did we see you hungry and 
feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?” “I 
tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least 
of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Mt 25:37,40)

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A "Cushion of Love" around Kosovo

The crisis in Kosovo prompted Christians worldwide to pray and seek practical ways to help in the greatest humanitarian crisis in Europe since World War II. The Evangelical Churches in the Balkans, in conjunction with Agape International, are in a unique position to network in the region to bring practical and spiritual help to the hundreds of thousands of refugees. Agape International has a credible humanitarian ministry of love having ministered this decade to hundreds of thousands of displaced people and refugees in Croatia and other Balkan countries. Our strategic plan in responding to the vast new needs establishes a "Cushion of Love" in the countries around Kosovo which received refugees. Please see pages 2-3 for examples of this expanding ministry.

Osijek Evangelism Crusade

Pastor David Wilkerson from Times Square Church in New York City was in Croatia for the first time on May 11 and 12, 1999. Each morning at the Evangelical Church of Good News in Osijek, Pastor Wilkerson gave messages to build up and encourage the church leaders and workers from Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina. He spoke on the church's need to beware of letting legalistic doctrine supersede the place of a loving relationship with Christ as the foundation for sanctification.

In the evenings, the largest evangelistic rallies ever organized in Osijek were held in the city sports hall with approximately 2,500 people attending over two nights. Pastor Wilkerson spoke of the love of Jesus Christ which delivers people from sins and transforms lives, and the freedom that can be obtained from substance abuse, depression and the entanglements of sin. He gave a specific altar call to the young people in Croatia, who are at a crossroads both in their personal lives and in the history of Croatia. A number of people came forward in response to the message of hope in Christ.

In preparation for the outreaches, many personal invitations, posters, newspaper and radio announcements were made in the local community. The movie The Cross and The Switchblade was shown on local television twice. Counseling teams were also trained and ready to speak and pray with those who came forward at the altar calls. The church is especially thankful to Mr. Nicky Cruz and Ms. Cookie Rodriguez who authorized the translation and printing of their books Run Baby Run and Please Make Me Cry respectively for this special occasion.

"Cushion of Love" Around

Shocked, grieving and empty-handed, Kosovo Albanian refugees have been arriving in camps and homes surrounding Kosovo for more than three months. Many have lost family, belongings, home and country. They have few resources, and often no identification papers, with which to start a new life. They languish in hot, crowded quarters wondering what there is left to live for or return to. Most do not know Jesus Christ and the hope that only He can bring in the midst of suffering. In the midst of this crisis, there is an unprecedented open window to preach the Gospel. Pray that God will open the hearts of these Albanian people to know Him through Christ, and then help them return to Kosovo eager to share the Good News they heard while in exile.

Gasinci, Croatia

Kosovar Albanian refugees fill a camp near Gasinci, an hour's drive from Osijek. Refugees still living in the camp from the Bosnian war have been relocated in order to make room for the Kosovars. A project is in progress to paint the houses in order to create a clean and refreshing environment for arriving refugees. Agape is sending dry foods to supplement diets, and specialized food and items for babies and infants, along with medicines. Beds, sheets, pillows, blankets and mattresses have been provided. Students and some people from area churches continue to visit the camp to bring in Bibles, Christian literature and the love of God. Some refugees attend weekly meetings which present a time of testimony and Bible sharing.

Mostar, Bosnia

Mostar in Bosnia & Herzegovina is very much alive with physical and spiritual activities to help those in need whether in or out of the church. Work is still in progress for the Bible school building. Amid the work on the building, classes are being held and people are being trained for ministry. The church is caring for approximately forty Kosovars by assisting with housing, food and other basic needs. Church workers are also busy ministering to the families' spiritual needs with the love of God, Bibles and Bible study. It is a great opportunity to show and speak of God's love and faithfulness. Ministry in a container village of refugees is also a part of the work in Mostar. Bible study groups are now in process and many people are hungry for God's Word of life. This summer special outdoor sports activities are planned for the youth to show God's love to them, which is another great door to reach the hearts of the suffering with the hope of the Gospel.

Montenegro, Yugoslavia

AGAPE Humanitarian Aid is working to establish a new relief organization office in the Yugoslav Republic of Montenegro in response to the large numbers of refugees there. In comparison to other neighboring countries that have substantial international aid to help the refugees, the political sensitivities of Montenegro have prevented such large scale global support to the more than 60,000 refugees who fled there. Agape continues to seek a viable office and staff for this strategic ministry of love and comfort. As in the other offices, the aid will be purchased locally for distribution in the area. We see the great need there not only because of the high numbers of refugees but also the desire for spiritual harvest amongst its refugees and citizens. Please join us in prayer for open doors in Montenegro.

Albanian mothers and children at Gasinci
**Albania**

Brett McMichael, an American missionary who has worked as a psychologist with Agape in Osijek for the past two years, has been temporarily reassigned to the refugee camps in Albania. For at least the next six months he will provide crisis intervention to help alleviate the suffering of the children in the camps. He will be responsible for training groups of volunteers from various countries around the world who have come to Albania to provide psychosocial programs for Kosovar refugee children living in the camps. Brett is also working on a training manual which will help these teams to understand how children are affected by loss and trauma and will include practical resources for games, art and drama.

**Macedonia**

The Evangelical Church in Macedonia has established AGAPE - Macedonia (Association for Generosity and Active Promotion of Empathy) in order to minister to some of the thousands of refugees who arrived in Macedonia during the eleven-week crisis. Three graduates of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Osijek, Mirce Andreev, Kosta Milkov and Marino Moticic, are leading this new ministry. AGAPE is caring for refugees in the area of Skopje, taking primary concern for those hosted in houses. Many of these people live in unbelievably crowded conditions—often 40 people in a house intended for 12. As of this writing, they are serving approximately 26,000 people. Prepackaged parcels containing food, hygiene items, and children's needs are distributed to the families to cover a two week period of time. Included in the initial package is a New Testament and other Christian literature.

Albanian Muslim refugees thrust into a world of turmoil and insecurity

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**Testimony from Kosovo**

*by Slave Velesanov*

I felt very good when I can see how God is still building His kingdom in every tribe and nation. When I was in Macedonia in May, I was able to see and to hear many testimonies from my brothers from Kosovo. God is still putting His mercy upon Kosovo. One day many Kosovo refugees will worship the Lord because of the crisis. It is an unprecedented opportunity for Kosovo people to hear the Gospel.

I want to share a testimony which I heard in Macedonia. One young Christian girl from Kosovo was among the crowds in a train heading toward the Macedonian border. A soldier entered the train and said, "I will kill all of you." This young girl knelt to pray. As she was praying, God spoke to her by His Spirit. "Tell this soldier about me," and the girl said, "But Lord, he wants to kill us." The Lord encouraged her again to tell the soldier about Him. In that moment the soldier asked her, "What are you doing?" and she said I am praying. I am a Christian. You are not a Christian," said the soldier, and he took someone from the refugees to kill. Then this young girl started to speak to him about God. The soldier put away his knife and the Spirit of God came upon him. He knelt down, and started to cry and contes his sins. God broke his heart, and at that moment he became a believer in Jesus Christ. In the train, the girl said that they had no water. The soldier ran out of the train and brought them water to drink. The soldier then took the girl from car to car and guided her and helped her to tell other refugees about God, to pray with them and lead some others to Christ.

Dear brothers and sisters, God is still mighty to change the life of a murderer to a child of God. Pray for Kosovo, because God is building His church there.*
**Christian Radio Production**

*Izvori Vjere* ("The Sources of Faith") has produced Christian radio programs since 1992. These programs are given without cost to thirty-five broadcasting stations in Croatia (including Croatian Catholic Radio, a station broadcast throughout the country) and one in Bosnia & Herzegovina. Short sermons with themes like suicide, astrology, abortion, sports, and solitude are presented from a Christian perspective. These programs also include good Christian music, mostly in English.

This year *Izvori Vjere* began to produce programs for children on a regular basis. Intended for children in the 8 to 12 year old range, Bible story plays are broadcast five times a week, and are listened to by adults as well as children.

![Image of a boy with a microphone]

Joan Qesteri, an ETS student from Albania, is giving short sermons in Albanian for the cassette tape distribution to refugees.

**Correction**

In the Winter, 1999, Agape Gazette, we mentioned that two ETS students, Mr. Darko Mikulic and Ms. Gorana Stajnovic were working with Agape in Slavonski Brod. Rather, they are helping to plant a Baptist Church in Slavonski Brod. Goran and Daliborka Koncos are the Agape staff in this city bordering Bosnia. They are also planting an Evangelical church.

A project started recently is the production of cassettes and CD's in the Albanian language. These programs of music and short messages will be distributed to refugees, as well as given to radio stations to broadcast throughout the "Cushion of Love" countries.

*Izvori Vjere* hopes to expand the number of stations currently airing their programs. This means, however, that updated technical equipment is needed to produce the programs in the format requested by most radio stations. A good computer with a quality sound card and a CD writer would be a welcomed addition to the production equipment they have been using. Contact Tihomir Vekic, editor in chief of *Izvori Vjere*, with any interest or questions at the address listed below.

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"... For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you looked after me. I was in prison and you came to visit me. ... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”

(Matt. 25:35-36. 40)

May, 2000

Did You Know?

ETS/Agape
- that graduates of Evangelical Theological Seminary (ETS), Osijek work in various pioneering ministries in more than 40 nations of the world including all of the post-Communist nations of Eastern Europe?
- that the Agape Ministry of alleviating human suffering has opened doors for evangelism and church planting in numerous Muslim areas where the gospel of Christ has never been preached before?
- that the program “The Sources of Faith”, of the Radio Ministry, based in ETS, has been recently broadcast on 50 radio stations in Croatia and Bosnia?
- that the Evangelical Journal, “Izvori,” published by our team in Osijek, is the only evangelical periodical in all of the former Yugoslavia?

Bosnia-Herzegovina
- that as a result of our wholistic ministry in war-torn, Muslim-dominated Bosnia-Herzegovina there are more evangelical churches today than there were individual believers before the war?
- that the only Bible School of any kind in Bosnia-Herzegovina will have its first graduation June 3, 2000 (Peter Kuzmic speaking)?

Kosovo
- that close to 40 church plants have begun in Kosovo since the NATO bombing?
- that we and our partners are in the process of starting the first Bible School in Kosovo?
- that the first Albanian evangelical

Croatia
- that every public school in Croatia has received Christian literature for its pupils and that hundreds have responded with faith and gratitude?
- that students and partners of ETS have planted several new churches in recent months in Eastern Croatia?

Bosnia
- about one million refugees from Bosnia who have not yet been able to return to their homes, either because the homes have been destroyed or because of the lack of security.
- a new church in Zenica, a strong Muslim city, where a significant number are coming to Christ in the recent months, and for Enver and his family who have made a great sacrifice by leaving their business in Sarajevo in order to do missionary work in this strategic city.
- other young churches and their creative ministries in many communities in Bosnia.
- for the Bible School in Mostar and its first class of graduates, most of whom are already involved in fruitful ministries, and for funds to complete the school’s building.

Kosovo
- for continued ministry to Kosovar refugees in Bosnia (many of whom have been converted) and for

Please Pray for

Radio Listeners
- for thousands of listeners of the radio program, "Sources of Faith", that they may respond to the gospel and find new life in Christ.

A new church was built in Slovenia.

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Many refugees wait in lines for food supplies at Agape Distribution Center. We not only feed them physically but also spiritually as well by sharing our hope in Christ. You can help us to help them.

circumstances that will permit them to return home to Kosovo, especially in the town of Pec/Peja, where their houses have been destroyed.
• for young believers and churches in Kosovo, many of whom are being persecuted by extremist Muslim groups and by their own relatives.
• for the young leadership of the blossoming new churches in Kosovo, that God will give them wisdom, courage, means and a spirit of unity in this most strategic European mission field.

Montenegro
• for more workers for the land of Montenegro, which is the least-evangelized country in Europe.
• for the avoidance of the outbreak of a civil war in Montenegro where tensions are rising due to disagreements between Serbian and Montenegrin political leadership.

Serbia
• for peace and openness in Serbia, where there has been an escalation of violence in recent months, attacks on evangelical churches in several cities, and where many people suffer because of Serbian isolation.

Sincerely in partnership on behalf of the suffering and needy,

Peter Kuzmic

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Balkan beacons

Peter Kuzmic, founder of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Osijek, Croatia, and a missions professor at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Hamilton, Mass., is one of the foremost evangelical authorities on the former Yugoslavia. During an interview with Managing Editor Stan Guthrie he discussed key political and religious developments.

Would you give an update on the Balkans? The Balkans region is in turmoil, engulfed in the most intense geopolitical drama in Europe at the end of this century. The former Yugoslavia has disintegrated into five new nations. I am one of those people who has lived in different parts of former Yugoslavia. I'm a native Slovenian, and I lived for two years of my youth in Belgrade, Serbia, and later for almost two years in Bosnia, although I'm a citizen of Croatia. My base is the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Osijek. Our graduates minister in all regions and republics, as well as in some 40 other nations of the world.

We are intensely involved in a variety of ministries in Bosnia. Our school and Agape, the relief agency that I had the privilege to establish back in 1991, have helped tens of thousands of victims of the war. We have had a fine, holistic outreach in that war-torn, Muslim-dominated country. As a result, about a dozen congregations have been established in Bosnia—the least evangelized country in Europe. They are the only integrated ethnic communities and are beacons of light and signs of hope.

News reports indicate that although Bosnia has peace, there's not a whole lot of integration between the groups. The Dayton agreement has worked almost splendidly on the military side, but it has failed in the area of return of refugees and integration, as well as economic recovery. Although Bosnia is off the TV screens in America, the crisis continues. It's just that there is no ethnic cleansing anymore. But there are incidents—especially incidents where refugees have tried to return to their homes in an area that is now controlled by the other ethnic groups. I hope stronger international leadership with consistent policies and economic recovery will bring about the envisioned Bosnia, but it will not happen overnight.

What do you expect will happen? In my estimate, it will take at least three to five years of a continued, intensive, international focused effort to bring about the kind of Bosnia envisioned in the Dayton agreement.

I think a lot of people would say, "Well, these people have been hating each other for decades or centuries." That, I think, is an exaggerated interpretation of their history. This war was engineered by politicians who wanted to enlarge their territories regardless of human cost. The problem is that since the collapse of communism, continued on page 2.

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eenism, there has been a vacuum of global leadership.
The U.S., the only remaining superpower, needs to redefine its global mission and become a leader. Leadership implies at least the following three fundamentals: clarity of vision, moral conviction, and the will to act strategically.

What is the role of the evangelical church in the region? Evangelicals are, by both their faith and their practice, uniquely qualified to be bridge-builders and instruments of reconciliation. We don’t have national religions or, to use an outdated expression, tribal deities—the way the Christian religion has been instrumentalized to serve the national interests in Croatia, but especially in Serbia. Evangelicals are beyond that because we believe in the universality of the love of Christ and therefore in the internationality of the church. Our churches are beacons of light because they have Serbs, Croats, and Bosnians worshiping together.

These are the only communities made up of people from the sides that have fought each other. They are living together in love because they have discovered the reconciling power of the gospel—not only vertically in salvation through Christ but also horizontally in the community of faith—what idealistic, secular politicians and peacemakers are only dreaming about. The evangelical experience teaches that reconciliation is possible, and hatred can be replaced by love. A culture of tolerance and dialogue and mutual acceptance is possible in a country of animosity, exclusion, and hatred.

I’m wondering if the churches are too small to have any real impact. They are the salt of the earth. They are small, but they are growing. Their testimonies and their national impact are bigger than their numbers. They attract many people, especially young people, and especially those from interethnic marriages.

What specific ministries give you some cause for hope? We have a number of interethnic reconciliation initiatives. Some involve some American evangelical politicians—well-known congressmen. We travel together and have annual meetings where we bring political and cultural leaders from various sites and countries together.

All over the region? Yes. There are focal groups in Bosnia and Croatia. Right now, we are initiating some of these things for Kosovo and Serbia as well.

What evangelical efforts are occurring around Kosovo right now? As you know, Kosovo is 90 percent Albanian, which means predominantly Muslim, and only 10 percent Serbian. The Serbian minority rules brutally over the Albanians since Slobodan Milosevic took away their autonomy in 1989. Recently the violence has escalated: news reports speak of massacres and ethnic cleansing. The international community has no choice but to intervene and for a transition period put Kosovo under some kind of international protectorate. Otherwise the whole region will go up in flames, and the security architecture of Southeastern Europe will collapse.

What’s not known is that there is a small evangelical witness among Kosovo Albanians. Through graduates of the Osijek Seminary we planted the first evangelical churches in Kosovo, before it was possible to do so in Albania. Today there are six evangelical Albanian congregations and some house groups in various parts of Kosovo.

A number of my former students and friends have been in mortal danger. We have helped them in small ways from Agape, although it’s very hard to do from Croatia or Bosnia. We didn’t have access to some of them for a long time.

We are linking them with relief agencies from the West. World Vision has moved in, and others are about to move in and help. But the evangelical churches there are again beacons of hope and light. We are trying to empower them to have a similar ministry that we have in Bosnia, a ministry of reconciliation. As they alleviate human suffering in the name of Jesus, they will gain visibility and become a credible witness. This will enhance their outreach in terms of evangelism and church planting.

A “CUSHION OF LOVE” AROUND KOSOVO
Ministering to the Rivers of Refugees

Christians in countries surrounding Kosovo and working with Agape International are reaching out to alleviate human suffering and bring the word of hope and life to thousands of people among Kosovo Albanian refugees who are engulfed in despair and facing death. Agape has a proven track record of saving lives and souls in Croatia and Bosnia, and has a ministry and spiritual infrastructure in place for Kosovo Albanians. The Project “Cushion of Love” is a partnership of Agape, evangelical churches in the region, and the Evangelical Theological Seminary, who have students and graduates from and in all of these countries. This ministry can be supported through Division of Foreign Missions, Peter Kuzmic. Account #: 2329118.

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AGAPE distribution center in Bosnia.
1 to R: Milan Špoljarčić, Pavlo Mogulić, Stanko Jambrek, Jasmina Hodžić.

Mayor of Osijek making presentation after the first Latica magazine was distributed.

Slobodan and Lynda Stojković, pastor and director of children's camps in Orahovica.

Boarded up buildings in Bihać.

One of the groups from the Children's camp in Orahovica. Going for 35 years.

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Pastor Ivan Muguš in AGAPE warehouse in Osijek, Croatia

Thomir Vekić, director of Christian Radio Ministry in Osijek sponsored by AGAPE

AGAPE Soup kitchen in Osijek (L to R: Sofija Puera, Inna Kotits)

AGAPE Book project for Croatia and Bosnia (L to R: Antal Balog, Michelle Kurtz, David Angy and Cheri Goforth)

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Children's Center for the Handicapped in Zagreb, Croatia.

Ministry in refugee camps in Croatia.

Evangelical Church leaders of the former Yugoslavian Republics meeting in Baja, Hungary, 1993.

Refugee family on the move in Bosnia.

Destroyed bridge in Central Bosnia.
AGAPE in Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Lto R: Nenad Jambrovic, Damir Spoljaric, Antal Balog, Nikola Skrinjaric, Klaus Domke

AGAPE Soup kitchen in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Enver Redzic, Agape coordinator in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina, front line, 1994

AGAPE in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina
L to R: Ivon and Karmelo Kresonja

Evangelical Church in Jajce, Bosnia and Herzegovina

AGAPE Center & Evangelical Church in Bihac, Bosnia and Herzegovina

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