

Dear brethren,

We may say that our dear Lord is merciful and His grace is abundant. Our Committee is keeping its focus on the following projects/funds:

1. Housing Fund (gives out loans to our mostly young members so that they can obtain affordable housing);
2. Self Help Fund (also loans for starting a small business to combat unemployment that is a common issue for all EE countries);
3. Bursaries (to help the young obtain education and get employment)
4. Song books
5. Medical Aid program – as described above. We see that more and more will be needed for this program.
6. Church building repairs – Zemun, Serbia.
7. Helping those in need – Belgrade Eye Hospital Ward repairs and upgrades.

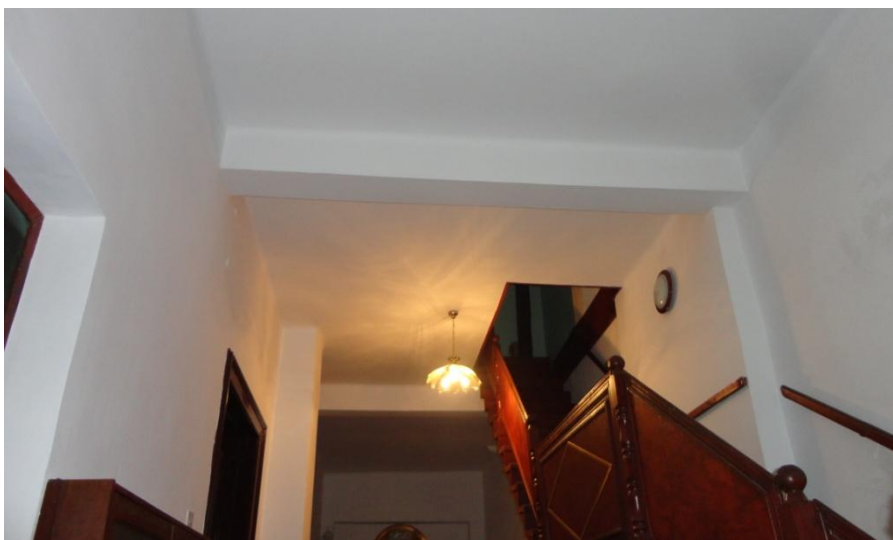
For the no. 6 and no. 7 on the list, I am attaching more info to this letter. Our Committee wants to thank our Lord first and all of you brethren that helped make it happen.

We have received a correspondence from elder bro. Ondrej Murtin, Kovacica thanking our Lord and you that are involved in this work for the help received by brethren in Serbia, it is highly appreciated.

*And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it. (Ps. 90:17)*

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## Zemun Church Project (Serbia)



The church building in Zemun, Serbia repair project took place in 2013. Several pictures show the condition before our project took place. The picture on the left: Area that has recently been repaired and painted.

They need to replaced a portion of the roof on the church building and covered porch that is used as overflow dining room (picture below).

Also, rooms in church building upper level, that are used for visitors, did not have appropriate thermal insulation. Therefore, they were very cold in the winter months and very hot in the summer months. The upper level windows areas were showing some leaking damage.

Zemun is a community close to the capital of Serbia, Belgrade. Brethren there support many smaller churches by sending ministers out to provide Sunday services on a regular basis. Health, well-being and survival of this congregation in Zemun is definitely of great importance for the survival of our faith in Serbia.



We were asked by the brethren in Zemun to help them to renovate their Church building, and reduce their heating costs during the winter months (those costs they were not able to cover any more - the costs were extraordinary high.) We were asked to do the following:

- To replace the roof above the dining room (which is actually just a covered porch with plastic curtain as a wall.)
- To paint the sanctuary, hallways, etc. on the inside of the building
- To paint the Church outside
- To Replace the gutters and downspouts
- To repair the windows on the roof that were leaking
- To insulate the bedrooms upstairs above the sanctuary
- To put the carpet on the floor upstairs
- To modify the bedroom doors to accommodate for the carpet
- To refinish the doors

All the work was performed timely before the winter.

It is important to address these building issues that many congregations are experiencing there. We are making sure that this aging buildings will be able to house the worship services for years to come. There are many elderly people gathering there on a fixed income and living on a very limited budget, so it is not easy for the congregation to cover major church repairs. May our Lord bless you for your help.

## Children's Eye Clinic in Belgrade

Beside the children, this Eye Clinic is also taking care of old and poor people that cannot afford to pay private doctors to do examinations, surgeries, and to pay for the medication.



**Left: Previous state – windows in bad repair**  
**Below: Our team at work**



**This how the operating / surgery room looked like and was not used**



**The window and the Heating and Air-Conditioning unit which we have installed. Now this surgery room and the second one where we have installed the heating and air-conditioning unit only, have doubled up the surgery capacities of this clinic.**

The priorities of this project are listed below in the order of importance with the most important as item 1.

1. There are 3 surgery rooms at the Eye Clinic, however one is only partially functional, and one is not functional at all. In the morning the rooms are cold and it takes about 2 hours to heat them up using electrical heaters. While the doctors can apply anesthetic on older people even when it is cold, they cannot do that on the children because they would never wake up. But such heater is working only in one of the operating rooms, in the second room it is broken and not repairable, and in the third room it does not exist. In the third room, that was used exclusively for specific surgeries on children, Therefore, they have requested to have heating / air conditioning unit that is broken replaced, and another one installed in the third room. Also, they would like to have a window in the third operating room that was closed with tiles on the inside re-opened, or that the air cleaner of some kind would be installed.
2. The biggest benefit for the available funds was to introduce a computer network at the clinic. It presents The biggest bottleneck at this clinic is the lineup of the patients early in the morning (like 5 AM) due to the fact that it takes about 45 minutes per patient to register them, and direct them to appropriate Ambulance. The workflow is much the same as at the Emergency Ward at North American hospitals however, everything is done on the typewriters or written by hand. People are standing in line all the way to the street in order to be examined that day. I regret that I did not take

the picture of the lineup in the morning. There are 19 different Ambulances (as they call them - rooms and doctors that specialize in specific eye illnesses.) People are sent here from all other hospitals in the country, because this is the University Clinic that has professors and the highest specialists on staff, and for any serious cases people are sent here.

3. Third on the list was the replacement of the windows of the hospital building where the children and the adult patients are sleeping. This hospital was built in 1921 and the windows are mostly the original ones. In winter time patients are placing their blankets on these windows in order to reduce the cold wind blowing through them.

This is short version of bro. Cedomir Bekic report about needs and priorities in Belgrade Hospital Eye Ward project that he was overseeing. Also he was instrumental in fundraising part and getting it off the ground. This project was of much larger size than originally thought and was completed according to our capabilities and funds at hand. We want to thank all the donors and brethren that provided prayerful support for your help. Should you need additional information, please contact European Projects Committee or ACCMBC or bro. Cedomir Bekic and we will be happy to get back to you.