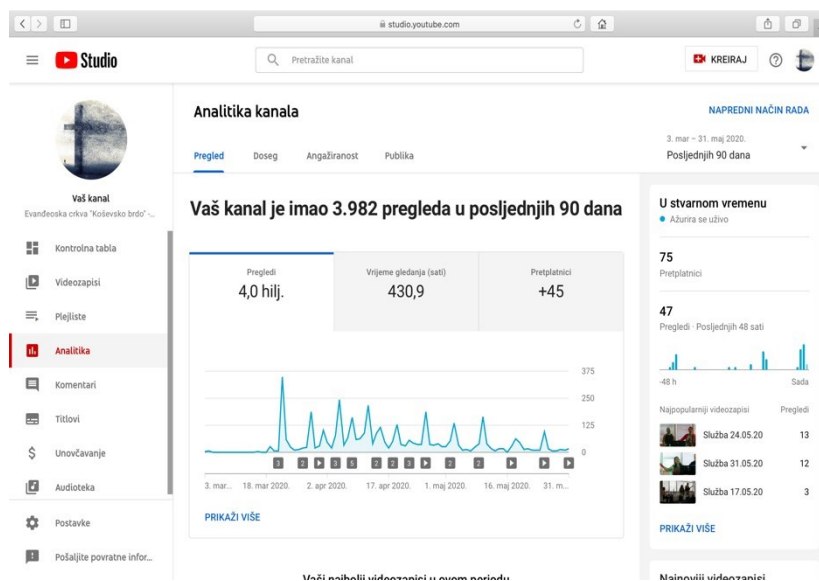


Dear sisters and brothers, many blessings from Sarajevo!

I hope that this letter will find you in good health and spirit and that you are experiencing the same thing that we are seeing are here in Bosnia, slow but obvious end of Corona pandemic in our country.

We are grateful to God that we were miraculously covered here in Sarajevo. We had just little over 100 registered cases of disease but also 6 deaths caused by virus infection. We are sorry for every lost life but in the same time we are aware what was and still is happening all over the World so we cannot be anything but thankful that, this time, we didn't suffer much. Nobody from our church was sick, not even one of our family members or close friends. Once again, glory to God for that!

Still, this all situation brought many limitations connected with quarantine, so we were not



able to meet as a church for almost 9 weeks. God turned this to a good thing to since we were forced to explore other ways to stay in touch and keep the church life going. As many others, we turned to online services and video messages and I have to say that we were amazed by the number of people,

believers and non-believers who were watching our videos. This is not much of a number for many churches and ministries, but I am sure that all of you who know situation in Bosnia will be surprised that we had almost 4.000 views on our YouTube church page. We had lots of contacts and some very nice testimonies about people who were touched and moved toward God through our ministry. We are thankful that we were able to start with our church meetings two weeks ago, although with some measures ordered by our Government, but we are seriously considering trying to find some wisdom in God how to continue with online presence even when all this situation totally passes. Your prayers and counsel in this matter would be very much appreciated.



Through all this time of isolation and reduced mobility we didn't stop doing our humanitarian aid project. Just to remind you, in the beginning of the year we have chosen 15 single parents, 13 mothers and 2 fathers, who are struggling through life trying to provide for their children. We have established very good relationship with all of them and our plan was to offer them a good monthly package of food and hygiene and also to provide help in schooling for their kids, both in materials and in teaching in different subjects. Unfortunately, Corona caused that all kids were obliged to stay home, and all schools

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online so we were not able to extend that kind of assistance, but we were faithful in regular distribution of the aid for them. As the matter of fact, due to bad effects of the virus on jobs and economy, we expanded our beneficiaries list and we included more people who were left without their jobs or other sources of income. This shook our budget a bit, but I am sure that God will provide so that we will be able to help original group of single parents through all this year, as promised.

On more important thing in these last week or so is that we have decided to step into the city and rent a place for our youth. A month ago, one Christian organization who was working with high school and university students decided to close down their office in Sarajevo. They recommended their space to us since the price is reasonably low, especially taking in consideration the location of the space. Most of you know Sarajevo so you will recognize that



having a space 50 meters from the Cathedral is a great opportunity to meet people otherwise reluctant to come to the church building. Here I primarily think about young people of Sarajevo and our plan is to offer them a place to meet young Christians in informal atmosphere, with some coffee, movies, different courses, discussions and so on. We have a group of believers, age 20 – 25, Bosnians and missionaries, who are already meeting once a

week with some non-believing peers and this space will provide them with the space to get more engaged and creative in reaching other young people. Apart from that, this same group was engaged in work with refugees and they already reached out to people coming to our country, seeking their way to EU. They have had just organized couple of meetings with number of people coming from Iraq, Syria and other countries before the Corona situation and they were forced to stop since refugees were not allowed to get out of the camps. Now, since the situation is changing, they are planning to continue and, again, having their place would help them a lot.

By the way, we have got in contact with one young believer from Iraq who was interpreter in these contacts, who even brought several of his friends on church meetings before the pandemic, and 3 of them, one young man and one married couple, prayed to receive Jesus in their lives. We even succeeded to get them Bibles in Arabic and Farsi. Unfortunately, we lost contact with them in these last couple of weeks so we don't know if they are still in Sarajevo, but we will try to reach out to them as soon as possible.

The other ministry which would use the space is our LiT (Living in Truth) group of teenagers, again Bosnians and foreign, which was very active in this past year and a half. This is actually a discipleship program since all of these kids grew up in churches and we are really encouraged how much they have learned and how much they grew during this time. Two of them were recently baptized and we hope that others will follow very soon.



So, when I look back on the time when Corona situation started, I don't see that we were stopped or pushed back as a church. True, not all of our believers have passed through this test with flying colors and there is some work for more mature people from the church to help those believers to come back to the

place

where they used to be but all in all I can say that our church profited in all of this. Good times are ahead. Please support us in prayer that we will continue to grow both in quality and in quantity. New believers are blood of a church, God bring life in His Body through new people who are living that "first love" and zeal that we are often talking about.

Thank you for your love and support! May God bless your families, your churches and ministries and you personally in the only way He knows to do that – abundantly!

In behalf of Kosevsko brdo church,

Dragan