



Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, dear Friends

We would like to extend our warmest greetings with this Christmas letter. Through your faithful and generous support we were able to help many people in need in our areas of operation in 2022. Thank you very much! For almost three decades we have been working with local churches and institutions in their areas providing spiritual and practical support. Next year we will be celebrating 30 years since the foundation of Hilfe konkret.



Outreach November 2022 earthquake zone: *The aftermath of the heavy earthquake two years ago in the region Petrinja/Glina in Croatia is still noticeable and affects 160.000 people. There were hundreds of aftershocks in 2022. The 28 containers we provided have been in use longer than expected and have therefore been built out. Through the help of church volunteers we were able to repair about 100 roofs, place around 150 chimneys and give wood-fire ovens and washing machines to people in need. Further, the local churches provided pastoral support to the affected persons.*

Evangelical school/dormitory: We are thankful for the inauguration of the ground floor in the extension building at our school which was possible under the sponsoring of and cooperation with the foundation Wertestarter (Haiger/Berlin). The next step is the extension of the first and second floor which will be executed, for which we will be providing much of the labour. At the request of local authorities the school accommodated 48 children with Down-syndrome. More than 670 people are in our school building daily.

Refugees: Tens of thousands of people were and are transiting the Balkan route. Around 20.000 people have fled from the Ukraine to Croatia. We support them with emergency aid in the best of our ability until this day.

We had three voluntary operations in **the flooded area in the Ahrtal region, Germany.**

All of the above-mentioned fields are reliant on financial support. A general report will be published next year.

The team of Hilfe konkret wishes you and your families a blessed Christmas and greets you with the verse of the year 2023 for a Happy New Year:

“You are the God who sees me” Genesis 16, 13

With kind regards

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A great day for the evangelical school in Čakovec, Croatia: On April 14th, 2022, after years of planning, we inaugurated our new building. The foundation WERTESTARTER was significantly involved in the realization. Countless hours of work by many volunteers, mainly from Croatia and Germany, are put into this project. From left to right: Margarete and Hartmut Hühnerbein, CEO; Debora and Prof. Friedhelm Loh, chairman of the board; Gordana Ramušćak, principal; Bratko Horvat, school board; Ladislav Ružička, school board; Johannes Neudeck, Hilfe konkret; Petar Horvat, school board; Željko Mraz, general secretary of the Croatian Baptist church, school board. An important milestone for teaching christian values and the education of young people in the region. Hilfe konkret supports the school since the foundation.



The teaching in the new classrooms of the school in Čakovec started.

Summertime 2022 for children in Pušćine: a program full of devotionals, bible study, seminars, sports, and games. Several other camps with children from the Roma village as well as refugees from the Ukraine took place this year. Volunteers of Hilfe konkret were involved. The work continues in 2023.



People, who fled from Iran themselves and live in Croatia, supported **handicapped and elderly refugees from the Ukraine**. We were able to support them with care materials and toiletries. Single mothers with children received help. Churches and the "House of hope" in Zagreb are an available contact point. Further support is required.

The second and third floor of the evangelical school will be extended. There will be great personal contribution. Further donations are needed, especially for the rising energy costs and the dormitory.

Bihać, Bosnia-Herzegovina: Distribution of warm meals out of a Red Cross vehicle. For several years we have been working in cooperation with the Red Cross. Many people in the camps as well as people "on the way" experienced our support.

Camp Ušivak, close to Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina:

For several years we have been supporting refugees in camps and in the region of Sarajevo. From the left: Tomislav Dobutović, Pastor in Sarajevo, president of the Baptist Union; Debora, Katharina and Johannes Neudeck, Hilfe konkret; employees and leadership of the camp (Picture: Jakob Neudeck, Hilfe konkret). A clothing store and a café for refugees in Sarajevo are supported. Hundreds of people in need received groceries, toiletries, shoes and clothes. Currently, there are over 2,000 refugees in the region of Sarajevo. Many have been on the road for months. Thank you for further support.

Pictures: Baptist Union of Croatia, Baptist church Pušćine; Hilfe konkret; Red Cross Bihać

