



Dear ladies and gentlemen, dear friends

Thank you very much for your prayers and support. Thanks to your generous aid, we were once again able to address the need of many people in our areas of operation in 2023. Moreover, we continued to support churches in their missionary and diaconal tasks. Thank you very much! As already reported, we are celebrating 30 years of our ministry this year. We are very grateful to God for all His preservation and blessings for our work over three decades. Here are some current insights. Thank you for your continued support.



Mission September 2023 in the earthquake area: *The aftermath of the severe earthquake almost three years ago is still shaping the everyday lives of people in the Petrinja/Glina region, where 160,000 people were affected. The 28 deployed containers are being made habitable for the longer term with minor extensions and canopies to provide a little more space and protection. We continue to provide pastoral and practical help, particularly to the elderly people living in the abandoned villages. The picture shows Baka Mika (Grandma Mika), who, at an age of over 80, is still very grateful for her „container apartment“, and Nick Dittes, a volunteer from Hilfe konkret.*

Protestant school/dormitory: Under the leadership and in cooperation with the Wertestarter Foundation (Haiger/Berlin) of Friedhelm Loh, the second and third floors of the new school building were completed. Volunteers contributed thousands of hours labor. The construction and the interior furnishings were largely financed by the Wertestarter Foundation. More funds are still needed to complete the building and repay a loan. We are grateful for this opportunity to invest in the young generation and to convey Christian values.

Refugees: Thousands of people are still fleeing along the Balkan route between Sarajevo and Bihać. Displaced people from Ukraine also need our support.

The team of Hilfe konkret wishes you and your families a blessed Christmas and greets you with the verse of the next year for a blessed and sheltered New Year 2024:

„Let all that you do be done with love!“ 1 Corinthians 16, 14

With best regards

Johannes Neudeck and the team of Hilfe konkret

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November 2023: Volunteers Sydney Decker (left) and Micha Ausperger assembling the furniture in the new school building. Sydney is 19 years old and from a Bruderhof community in Australia. He is working with Hilfe konkret for three months. Micha has helped us repeatedly on short-term assignments. The equipment for the new school building is being purchased and installed step by step. The offices, the teachers' room, the library and the subject-specific rooms need to be furnished. Under the leadership of Bratko and Petar Horvat, many thousands of hours were spent by volunteers.



During the three-year construction period Bratko Horvat worked daily on the school construction site. The whole electrical system was installed using our own labor.



November 2, 2023: A festive event was held in the large hall of the Pastoral Center to mark "School Day". Bratko Horvat, school board member, gave a devotional address about Genesis 20 and its meaning for our lives. An awards ceremony and musical contributions enriched the program.



<- July/August 2023: Friends from Tennessee in Croatia. From the left: Brent McDougal, Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church Knoxville; Željko Mraz, General Secretary of Baptist Union Croatia; Matthew Evans, Knoxville; Petar Horvat; Bratko Horvat; Johannes and Katharina Neudeck; Željko Čanji. The congregation is planning to send teams for further work assignments and camp work.

-> November 2023: Fall camp with children and young people led by Karmen Horvat and her team at the youth hostel in Poleve. Almost 70 children and young people take part in this camp. Devotions, music and workshops are part of the program. In the picture on the left: Katharina Neudeck.



September 10, 2023: Release concert in Mačkovec with Katharina Neudeck and the band (from left) Abel Kovačević, Davor Šimunić, Petar Horvat, Maasej Kovačević, Jonatan Vukov, Jošua Kovačević. Katharina's first Croatian CD with biblical texts set to music and a music book are now being used in many churches. They can be ordered from us.



Bihać, Bosnia-Herzegovina, fall 2023: Practical help for people on the flight. In cooperation with the Red Cross in Bihać and the Baptist church in Sarajevo, we continue to help those in need on the Balkan route with food, hygiene products, shoes and clothing.

Cordial invitation to our jubilee celebration of 30 years Hilfe konkret e.V. and 100 years Diakonisches Werk

on Friday, December 8, 2023, at 5 p.m. (pre-program including coffee and music starting at 4 p.m.)

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