

Dear Jim,

It is incredible that we are now celebrating ten years of living in Bosnia Herzegovina. Sometimes it feels like yesterday we arrived and other days it feels like we've always been here!

We wanted to write to you to thank you very much for all your love and support over these past ten years. We thank God for you and the blessing you have been to us in reaching out to the young people here in this country.

In the Novi Most recent strategy we looked at the challenges facing the young people in a country which has not really moved on since the war. Our local worker Beki told us recently that in the first years after the war people were patient as they waited for changes to occur in the country and for their lives to improve. But after more than 20 years they are now fed up, discouraged and angry that few positive changes are happening.



Many of the young people Ali works alongside are in their 20's and their main wish is to leave the country. When we first moved here the population was 4.1 million it is now reported to be 3.8 million. The estimated figure amongst the Pastors of the Evangelical Church is that there are between 300 – 500 people who put their faith in Jesus. And yet by trusting in Him and allowing Him to work in their lives they would see the hope he can give for their futures.

On a more positive note this summer we hosted a mini camp for the young people from the Novi Most locations. It was a great time encouraging the young people we know here to help organise and take part in this event. What was significant was the young people who attended were from all ethnic groups and social backgrounds. It is so encouraging to see this taking place on a larger scale. Also, at the recent youth conference in Sarajevo, there were 16 young people attending from Capljina and the neighbouring area.



We will be visiting our home church Brackley Baptist Church on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December and would love to see you! We will be sharing about our adventure with God and how your prayers and support have helped us to help the young people.

Once again we thank you for the blessing you are to us and hope to see you soon.

God Bless you.

Mick, Ali, Sam and Chloe



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