

## **2020 Autumn Report from Central, Eastern, and Balkan Europe**

### ***Poland***

The saints in Poland enjoyed the first ever online video training, which took place in the cities of Elblag, and Warsaw, as well as a corporate gathering among the churches in Opole, Sosnowiec, and Krakow.

A Zoom conference for Polish-speaking sisters also took place for the first time. They enjoyed very much listening to the messages, and they loved the group times. The total number of registered sisters was 93 and included sisters from Poland, the UK, Israel, Russia, and Germany.

The saints also conducted online the International Blending Conference in Poland. It was a wonderful time in the recent ministry of the Word of God with saints from many countries.

After a long period of no physical meetings, three churches in the South-west of Poland gathered together on a recent Lord's Day to enjoy the divine transfers of four saints from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of the Son of His love. Praise the Lord for His move in Poland!

### ***Slovakia and Czechia***

Throughout the pandemic, the meetings in Slovakia and the Czech Republic have continued mainly through Zoom. During the months of daily meetings on Zoom, the saints were able to pray the prayers of the Body and for the Body. Through the continual prayer and shepherding, the Lord was able to recover nearly all of the saints who had become backslidden or lukewarm during the last several years.

Some new ones were brought into the church life and several of the saints were baptized recently. The outreach has continued mainly through Facebook and the local Living Stream Ministry websites. As a result of the online meetings, all the saints in Slovakia and the Czech Republic are being blended and mutually vitalized as never before.

The saints still continue in their prayers and also in shepherding in twos and threes either online or on a personal basis. In Slovakia, there are still five Zoom meetings during the week, where the saints from the whole country meet together for ministry reading, prayer, and fellowship. There are also many personal meetings in small groups, locality by locality, so the saints are experiencing the day-by-day church life in simplicity. Praise the Lord for His ceaseless care and continual move.

### ***Hungary***

The saints in Budapest, Hungary, are corporately entering into the practice of the vital groups, which has become a source of much mutual enjoyment and encouragement. Though still in the very early stages, the saints are eager to learn and are endeavoring to practice according to the brothers' perfecting.

Meetings in person have resumed on the Lord's Day, and the saints are regularly gathering online and in each other's homes during the week. A sweet family atmosphere is being built up among the saints, full of joy and mutuality.

Prayer in twos and threes is also becoming more regular, and the saints have been encouraged to pray specifically for fruit-bearing. The saints are looking to the Lord for increase in His way and timing.

### ***Romania***

Just before the beginning of lockdown due to the pandemic, a mini-conference was held in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, on 14-15 March. Many local saints were gathered together for a time of blending and fellowship among the churches. During that weekend, the saints enjoyed and digested messages from the Crystallization-study of Deuteronomy.

In June, because of the pandemic, the saints in Romania held their first online conference. The saints were able to enjoy the messages from the 2020 Memorial Day Conference and be under the up-to-date speaking of “A Timely Word concerning the World Situation and the Lord’s Recovery.”

In August, the saints held the first online video training of the Crystallization-study of Jeremiah and Lamentations.

Also, two sisters from Romania are currently supported by the churches to attend the two year Full-time Training in London. Praise the Lord for His recovery, and for making it practical for the saints throughout Romania to be in the conferences and training, and under the Lord’s current and fresh speaking!

### ***Croatia and Serbia***

After a short time of meeting through Zoom, the saints from Croatia and Serbia have resumed physical meetings in their localities. They continue to meet during the week in the church meetings and also in contacting the new ones. The saints in Zagreb, Split, Osijek and Hvar, Croatia, and in Novi Sad, Serbia continue to meet for the reading of the ministry, for fellowship, prayer, and the Lord’s table.

After many years of prayer and remote shepherding of the saints in Pula, Croatia, the Lord was able to recover some of the saints in that city. For the purpose of shepherding and taking care of the new situation in Pula, a couple moved from Zagreb, Croatia, to Pula.

The Lord is taking care of His interests and His move to the city of Pula by also adding a number of new ones. We hope through the continual shepherding and the prayer of the Body the new families and their contacts will be fully gained for the Lord and the church life.

### ***Albania***

The saints in Tirana, Albania, have been recently enjoying a line from one of our favorite songs: “Finding joy and pleasure, in abounding measure, we are drinking at the fountain of life” (Hymn 322). The saints are very happy to announce that the seven free ministry books distributed by Rhema are now available for download in the Albanian language. May the Lord use these books to gain all His seekers in Albania!

### ***Bulgaria***

Prior to the lockdown, the saints were distributing the Recovery Version of the New Testament and the first volume of *The Basic Elements of the Christian Life* on the university campus and by the students’ dormitories.

During the lockdown, the saints endeavored to reach out to the seeking ones in Bulgaria through online advertisements, mainly on Facebook. Within the last few months, three young brothers were baptized and began to meet with the saints.

We thank the Lord for His faithfulness and the provision in His Body, that despite the pandemic, the saints were able to purchase a meeting hall near Sofia University and the

saints' homes. Since then, the local saints have been meeting regularly, functioning in a mutual way in all the meetings and taking care of the meeting hall.

Furthermore, the first few Living Stream Ministry titles have been printed in Bulgarian, and the free ministry literature distributed by Rhema have become available on the website.

A couple of months ago, the saints in Bulgaria began to corporately read *The Economy of God* in the weekly home meetings. We are praying that all the saints will be constituted with the ministry of the age and will receive a governing vision of God's economy unto the organic building up of the church in Sofia and the Lord's testimony in Bulgaria.

### ***Greece***

The brothers and sisters in Greece are very thankful to the Lord and His Body for His care for the country of Greece during this period of time.

Prior to the outbreak of the global pandemic, the saints in Greece had been enjoying a house-to-house church life. Like all the saints throughout the earth, they also were affected by the measures enacted by the governmental officials to stem the spread of the virus, but Hallelujah, grace abounded!

Many of the saints participated in an online conference for the first time during the combined Central and Eastern Europe and Balkans Conference.

Additionally, although they were not able to send out physical books during the pandemic, there was a noticeable increase in electronic downloads for the free ministry materials distributed by Rhema. Praise the Lord for His supply, and even though the numbers of the saints in Greece are small, they look to Him to increase them with "...men like a flock" (Ezek. 36:37).

### ***Turkey***

The first Lord's table meeting took place in Istanbul, Turkey, on 21 February 2010. The church life in Istanbul began with eight brothers and sisters meeting in a saint's home on the Lord's Day on the European side of Istanbul.

The Rhema literature distribution of physical books in Turkish began in 2014. Over ten thousand ministry books have been sent to local Christians and seekers during these six years.

In July 2018, a new district meeting was developed on the Asian side of Istanbul. The saints in this district are mainly Chinese-speaking.

Starting from this year, the Lord's table and prophesying meetings are held in different languages. There are Turkish-, English-, and Chinese-speaking meetings.

Right now there are around 30 saints in the church life in Istanbul. Istanbul is the only locality in Turkey currently practicing the church life.

There are some saints scattered in other cities, such as Izmir (ancient Smyrna), Antalya, Rize, and Malatya.

Up to this point, 36 titles of the ministry books and 95 hymns have been translated into the Turkish language.

### **2020 CEE& BLK Blending Conference**

On 11-13 September, the Online Central and Eastern Europe and Balkans Blending Conference took place. The subject was "The Consummation of the Age and the Coming of

the Lord". There were five messages translated into ten Central, Eastern, and Balkan European languages.

Besides the ministry meetings, the saints enjoyed the blending during the two afternoon small group meetings for overflow. Saints from approximately 42 countries and 159 cities around the globe registered to join the conference. Praise the Lord for this opportunity to blend and enjoy the rich speaking of the Lord together with so many saints from all different parts of the earth!