

CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART OF PRISHTINA

Fellowship of the Lord's People, December 2024

Christmas market

The Christmas Market, now a tradition in our church, always brings us together as a family during these cold but light-filled December days. Each evening has featured something special and attractive for church members and passersby. We've made many new connections with people, created beautiful memories with the church family, and organized various activities ranging from live music and cookie decorating to specialty menus, fun games, children's evenings, and much more. Additionally, the taste of our mulled wine and hot chocolate has been praised as the best in Prishtina by many people



Traditional Christmas Dinner with Politicians

On December 17th, as a church, we hosted the Traditional Christmas Dinner. During this evening, we shared the message of Christmas and hope with 48 politicians and officials in attendance, including two former Presidents of Kosovo, members of Parliament, and Ministers.



Mercy Ministry, helping the needy

Just as Lord Jesus is the most special gift for us, this year our church distributed a symbolic gift to over 100 families and 30 children in their homes. Our prayer remains that these families will accept the gift of life and be saved in the name of Jesus Christ. As well during the month of December we prepared a big Christmas lunch for all these families where we shared from the Word and the message of Christmas.



Children's Ministry and Kids Melody



All the intensive work from the September–December 2024 season culminated in an end-of-year concert where the children were shining with their diverse talents. This was the fourth concert from the “Kids Melody” Music School which is part of our “Arc of life” Ministry. We offer music classes on piano, guitar, drums, flute, violin and vocal lessons as well. With the hope to raise the future worship teams of the church of Kosova.



During the Christmas Lego Club, we learned about the story of Christmas. The children asked many questions about Jesus and expressed a great desire to know God better. This enthusiasm shows how much they value and are open to learning more about the significance of Christmas, even though 98% of them come from Muslim families.

ROMA COMMUNITY CENTRE

We had a wonderful meeting with the children, where a group from Switzerland performed a heartfelt drama and a beautiful song. At the end of the event, each child received a special gift, bringing joy and smiles to their faces. Additionally, we visited the families of the REA community, where we had the opportunity to connect with them personally and provide food packages to support them in their daily needs.



Children's Ministry in Kaçanik

Kaçanik—a place where sharing the gospel is among the most challenging. The last meeting of this year brought a large number of children to the center, most of whom heard the gospel for the first time. There were mixed reactions; one child even left the meeting, but the others stayed and, in the end, received a gift. We pray that they will decide in their hearts to follow the Lord Jesus and believe in Him.



Children's Ministry in Millosheva

With around 500 children gathered at our last meeting in Millosheva, we shared the beautiful and life-changing message of Jesus Christ's birth.

It was truly touching to see the wonder in their eyes as they heard about God's greatest gift to humanity. At the end of the meeting, each child received a small gift—a humble reminder of the immeasurable Gift of God's love.



Because of your support, we were able to distribute 4,500 gifts across villages and cities throughout Kosova. In one school located in a rural village in the municipality of Vushtrri, the school principal said: "We know that you are Christians and that you do this with great love. Such gifts can only come from Christians." He continued: "In our village, we are all Muslims, but I, as a principal and also a historian, highly respect Christianity. Believe me, what you have done today for our school and our children goes beyond any religion or belief. Each member of our staff has been deeply touched by how young you are as a group and by your love for the children. You have given us an example of how we should speak to and treat our children."



“ILIRIA” Bible School



The meeting with the alumni of the “Iliria” Bible School gave us the opportunity to meet with former students of the school, who are serving in different churches in various cities in Kosovo. These students are the best inheritance and ambassadors to testify to the work that God is doing through the Bible School, not only in their lives but also in the ministries and communities where they live and serve. We are grateful and thankful to God for the marks we have left in their lives as we see them grow and serve where God has called them.

Evangelism Team

During the Christmas season, the “Hope for Kosovo” ministry shared the message of the Gospel and demonstrated the love of Christ through the distribution of Christian literature in various cities, participation in the “Christmas Market,” and organizing activities with politicians and families in need. We are grateful to God for the opportunity to share the Good News and for a fruitful ministry. Glory to God!



Christmas Service

This year’s Christmas service was truly special. Around 300 people, many of whom are not yet believers, gathered in the heart of Pristina to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. For us as a Church, the main purpose of this service was to give glory to Jesus Christ and to challenge the hearts of those who do not yet know Him to open their hearts to Him.

Our prayer is that the message shared during this Christmas service will be planted in their hearts and bring change and transformation to their future. We have witnessed God working among us and have been witnesses to the great truth that God was present in the midst of His people.



Christmas Reception

On December 25th, as a church, we organized a Christmas celebration under the theme “Celebrating Christmas,” featuring worship, testimonies, and an inspiring message from Pastor Artur Krasniqi. It was an honor to welcome friends, family, and institutional representatives. We are grateful to God for this evening filled with hope and reflection!

