

# Revival in the Balkans

**Operation "50 years in 5" - Accelerating church planting in CROATIA & BOSNIA**

**The Vision:** Enable keen local churches to plant churches in clusters in their regions.

**The Task:** i) Seek out keen visionary churches and develop partnership.  
ii) Envision and recruit numerous missionaries from revival countries.

**Timeframe:** Radically urgent! 2012 must be the ominous year for missionary arrivals.

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## The Challenge

There is a dire spiritual situation in Bosnia and Croatia: churches are sparse, evangelical believers are few, and apathy to the gospel reigns. There are less than ten thousand Christians in Croatia and less than five hundred in Bosnia! Some church leaders and churches really want to make a difference and start more churches; but often their resources are low. Many feel it will take up to fifty years to see

new churches develop in their areas. That is too long for the eight million people in Bosnia and Croatia to wait.

ECM - European Christian Mission wants to encourage visionary local leaders and churches in their aspirations to plant new churches and to reach the lost in their areas. Three key zones have been identified where local leaders and Christians are ready to begin now.

Where they need extra resources, we want to come alongside them to help get the job done. As the Lord brings fruit, we are praying for other "cluster church planting zones" to open up and develop throughout Bosnia and Croatia.

Will you join with God's people who are already working there? Will you help?

## The Strategy

- Mobilize a National Board of visionary leaders and pastors to envision, strategize and manage this vital initiative.
- Agree local strategies with churches that will result in a radical acceleration of church planting in these three zones.
- Recruit Brazilian and Ukrainian short-termers to provide a vibrant Christian presence alongside the national Christians.
- Provide ongoing training for those involved.
- Identify potential new growth zones.

- Church Planting Zones: Varaždin, Croatia; Novi Travnik, Bosnia; Dubrava, Croatia.
- Missionaries: Churches in Brazil and Ukraine are already planning to send short-term teams to be part of this. We hope to involve missionaries from other countries as well.
- Finances: While we believe the Balkan churches should be the first to support this project, it will require more money than they can provide. Therefore we hope to raise the difference in countries where the church has more resources.



*"Come over to Macedonia and help us."*



**Carla Maria de Lima**  
30/05/1974

## “Here am I. Send me!”

Carla is Brazilian from Pernambuco. She is Theology Bachelor and Social Service. She has developed ministry at Evangelical Congregacional Pernambucan Church for over 15 years with Christian educating, ecclesiastical administration, youth leader, visitation, discipleship, social work, among other. She was a volunteer pastoral assistant for all these years.

She is friendly and a good friend for all people. The people trust her and seek her friendship.

She is passionate for missions, specially working with people where there are few Christians. Since 1992 she has been prayed



and contributed to the achievement of people through the Gospel. She has experience with integral mission and believes in the different forms to communicate the Gospel.

She is a visionary leader, disciplined and good at working in a team.

In October 2011 she visited Croatia, Bosnia and Slovenia and she wanted to participate in the Revival Project in the Balkans for 2 years. But, she needs some help for the support. Do you want help her?

**“Because He hath  
given to us the ministry  
of reconciliation”  
II Corinthians 5:18**

## Become a Partner!

### DONATE:

- Annual basic cost of the Project to Carla: € 12,000

If you can help her, contact:  
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or banking by PayPal  
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### PRAY:

- Many new Christians and new churches
- Workers from Brazil and Ukraine
- Finances for the project and workers
- The growing of the vision.
- The three planting zones Churches: Dubrava (Zagreb) and Varaždin in Croatia and Novi Travnik in Bosnia.
- Identifying two more zones in Croatia and a zone in both Slovenia and Serbia.

### PRAY FOR CARLA:

- Learning Croatian language
- Adapting to the culture and climate
- Support financial