



# Bobi & Gabi Jakimovski

## Together Reaching Macedonian Students for Christ

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### Learning how to testify to Muslims!

Last week, my team and I had the opportunity to be part of a two-day training on how to be effective in sharing the gospel with Muslims. The training was led by our friend and colleague Zamir, who is a former Muslim coming from Albania and has been serving in CRU for almost ten years. In Macedonia, around 30% of the population are Muslims who practice the Islam. For my team sharing the gospel with the Muslims has always been a challenge and we do not know how to talk with them because it really requires a different approach and knowledge of the Quran in order to bring the Bible closer to them. One of the main obstacles is the great hatred that exists between Muslims and Orthodox Christians, and the second thing that we learned from this training is the time that we must invest in building close friendship with Muslims before we begin to testify about Jesus.

**Pray** that God will put in our hearts love and compassion for Muslims, Albanians and Turks who live in Macedonia. This is a new challenge for us because our team has focused so far on reaching students coming from a Orthodox traditional background.

In this picture my colleague Borche and I had a wonderful conversation with these 4 students, two of them are Turks Muslim and two are Albanian Muslims .



### Pray for this student!

Sadullah Ismaili has been with us for 4 years in all our activities. He has heard the gospel so many times and from many believers. He is not against the Christianity, but it is hard for him to accept the truth. He has Bible and he knows about Jesus and his death and resurrection. He likes us and he likes all the activities that we do for students, like Coffee discussions and Speak out, but this is all. The hardest thing for Sadullah is the impact from his family, they are very strong and committed Muslims and they persecute every one who wants to change religion.

For Sadullah its hard to make this decision and lately he was not interested any more about religious conversation. In the beginning when we met he started to read the Bible, and then for some time he stopped, but after this conversation he said that he will continue to read. **Please pray** for Sadullah, to have more freedom to study together some materials that will help him to understand the gospel and the Bible better. His father went to Hajj in Saudi Arabia for pilgrimage( *The Hajj is an annual Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca* ) so you should understand his situation and the commitment of his family to the Islam. **Pray** for him to be more open and for God to continue the work that He started 4 years ago.

## March—Month for Seminars.

During the month of March we had two wonderful seminars who gave us many opportunities to meet new students and to share the gospel.

The **Effective Study Seminar** was led by two of our staff people and we had more than 100 students. 76 of them sign up for a follow up meeting with us. At these meetings we connect with the students and we initiate spiritual conversations. With many of them we have opportunity to share the gospel. **Please pray** that these young people who heard the gospel will be ready to surrender their lives to Christ.

The **Emotional Intelligence Seminar** was also a wonderful event that brought us new contacts. We had 110 students and half of them were Muslims. We used the same strategy for follow up meetings where we testify about Christ or if they are Muslims, we are trying to build relationships. God has opened the door for us to be able to spread the gospel everywhere. We have a lot of work, so **please pray** for us, to be filled with the Power of the Holy Spirit so that we can perform this holy ministry in which we are called. We believe and we pray that together with your prayers and your faithful support, our work will bring salvation to many young people and families.



### Family update and prayer needs:

Gabi has 3 more weeks before her due date on May 5th. We are all excited and impatient to meet our little baby girl. **Please pray** that everything will go well in this last weeks of the pregnancy, specifically for God to give strength to Gabi as we are preparing to welcome our newest member in our family. Pray for healthy baby and easy adjustment to the life with 4 kids.

**Praise God** for providing a seven-seat car for us! We bought an used Opel Zafira and we are grateful that we can use this car for our family and also for the ministry. Thank you for your prayers and your special donations for this need.

Our plan for our visit to USA in August and September stays the same. **We pray** that we can come and spend time together with you in encouragement, fellowship and prayer.

### Christ is Risen!!!

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.



1 Peter 1:3

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