



# Bobi and Gabi Jakimovski

## Together Reaching Macedonian Students for Christ

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### God's way of salvation!

Dear partner, it is a great joy for us to share this wonderful story of saving a young life and even more interesting is how God chooses people and uses them in the lives of other people.

This story begins a few years ago when I met Nikolche at the college during a random evangelism. I shared the gospel with him and he believed in Jesus! We started to have regular discipleship and as he was learning about God and growing in his faith he shared about Jesus with his roommate Mile. Mile believed and the two of them together with other students joined a Bible study group that I was leading in the dormitory where they lived. You might remember Nikolche and Mile from this picture! (Front- Mile, from left to right- me, Nikolche, Joana and Darko)



The story of salvation goes on. Mile got involved in all our activities with Cru and he began to witness to his sister Verche. After some time she also became a believer. Hallelujah! We are so encouraged by God's way of salvation. God hears our prayers!

### This is Verche's story with her own words:

Before I became a believer I have never prayed to God, because if you are Orthodox you only go to church for holidays and you are only taught that there is God. Every time I would go to church I would feel that peace in my soul and a certain dose of humility, but at no point did I realize it in the true sense of the word. I think it was kind of superficial. As I was brought up, I adhered to some "rules", so as not to make many mistakes, but I never tried to obey God's rules and to live in accordance with what God commands us, because I had no example from whom to learn.

But fortunately, since my brother Mile believed, he never gave up talking with me about God. I have to admit, I was bored at times, but I still listened to him. He had problems at home because our parents didn't want to accept the fact that my brother believes in God and they thought it was something bad. Every time he would come back home from Skopje he would not miss an opportunity to share about God with me. I am greatly thankful to God for not giving up on me besides that I was not obedient and did not even try to get to know Him and to do the things that pleased Him.

When I started the college in Skopje I joined Every Student (my last summer in high school I was camper at Speak Out, so I knew many of the students and staff from Cru), and I simply felt that I belonged there among those people. It was hard for me to separate from my parents and the fact that I should start taking care for myself, but God turned every bad to good. Milena- staff with Cru- started calling me for coffee, for lunch and she started talking to me about God as well. God was working in me! I really liked hanging out with Milena and to be part of all the activities with Every Student. I secretly wished for their happiness and fulfillment. I joined a Bible study group and that's how I started to realize why I'm here on this earth and what is my goal.

I'm thankful to God that He started to reveal himself to me in different ways. One key event for me to truly believe in Jesus was the Revive conference in Germany with many young Christians. There I saw a true Christian faith in action. From then on, I started to change completely. God gave me a new heart, new thoughts, new perspectives, new interests. I feel loved by God, I feel God close to me knowing that I am completely surrendered to His hands, knowing that He is leading me and that He is caring for everything.

What happens, happens for a reason. All the glory belongs to God.

## Friendship and discipleship!

I am very happy that God is using Milena in Verche's life. Milena is a staff member in Cru and from this year she and Zlatko Buckovski will lead one of the SLM (campus) teams in Skopje. The team consist of six full time missionaries who work with college and high school students. I believe that this story and path of salvation will continue and that other young lives will hear about the only way that leads to salvation and will decide to follow Jesus!



Milena

Verche

***"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6***

## Let us rejoice in our salvation!

Dear friend, this past period we are studying 1 Peter and God teaches me many things. I want to encourage you too with the truths that God is showing me in this epistle and that is always to rejoice in our salvation. The Apostle Peter is calling us to rejoice in our salvation no matter how difficult our Christian life is and to know that our citizenship is in Heaven. Peter says this clearly to encourage us in the faith.

We see these two truths in 1 Peter 1:4...***and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you...***

The apostle Peter lists several reasons why we should rejoice and he continues further in verse 6 ***...In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials...*** We all now live in the new uncertainty fueled by the pandemic. We have many questions. But in spite of all that the world can bring, whether troubles because of our faith or troubles for other reasons, let us keep in mind that we have been saved through the blood of Jesus and to rejoice in that salvation. I encourage you to rejoice in our salvation as you read **1 Peter 1: 3-12**.

## Prayer needs:

- **Pray** for the missionaries in Macedonia and all over the world I know that some have already started to face financial challenges.
- **Pray** for our online summer project "The Lost Son" that is currently happening, so those students who are spiritually open connects with staff in Bible study groups.
- **Pray** for the evangelistic project that will be in Skopje from August 3rd-7th. Our student volunteers from all over Macedonia will get together in Skopje for spiritual building and random evangelism in the city park. May God protect us from the corona virus and lead us to spiritually open students.
- **Pray** for our Bible study group where together with our partners from IMB Jeff and Amy we have 4 families that in the last 4 months are regular on our weekly meetings. **Praise God for that.** We finished with the study of 2 Corinthians and we started with 1 epistle of Apostle Peter. Please pray for Goran and Verica, Lidia and Rubin, Dragana and Toni and Elena. The kids are also included in the Bible study and we are thankful that they are also learning about God.

## Adelina 3rd birthday!

We celebrated Adelina birthday on July 20th. Gabi made a cake with lots of candies which made Adelina very happy. She loves candies, loves people and friends and she certainly loves her brothers and sister. She is always happy and smiling and she brings such a joy in our family!



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