Hi Everyone,

The news pages you have before you come from the South-East European Union. Ana Gagic is the Children’s Ministries leader and she is a dynamic one. There are not many words to her pages but lots of pictures. You know the old saying pictures are worth a thousand words. We hope you enjoy and perhaps get some ideas for your own Children’s Ministries.

The other day I was watching a documentary on BBC. A group of well-known people in Britain were going on a pilgrimage journey in Spain. Some of the group were religious, others were not at all. One of the people there said: “I don’t believe I think I am a humanist. But my kids go to a Christian School back home just because it is the best school.

One day my son and I had a discussion about thorns. He asked me why did God make thorns? They only hurt you. Well I said I don’t think God made them at all. He said of course he did Daddy.”

When we reach children, we are forming them for life. We are helping them find God and working with children should never be underestimated.

Many blessings to all who work with children.

Clair

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In 2017, the Children’s Ministries department in our Union had several of the following activities:

**DEDUM – Music festival for children,**
**Zlatibor – Bible camp for children from 9 to 14 years,**
**Messy Church in two churches,**
**Meeting for Children’s Ministries in Macedonia,**
**New books,**
**and storytelling online – VISE TV.**

**DEDUM – Be like Jesus**
This year we wanted to encourage children to think and to be like Jesus.

Children were really creative

In Serbian this means: **BE LIKE JESUS**
Every Church in our Union had the opportunity to sing a new song for Jesus, and to perform some of His values. We had participants from 20 cities.

The main topic was presented by Mirela Lukić, she asked children to act out some daily events, and in a very interesting way she showed us how we can be like Jesus today.

This year again we enjoyed the music of Children’s Union Orchestra. They combined 10 songs together. This year we had 90 children who were playing their instruments.
ZLATIBOR – Summer Bible Camp

We had a group of 75 children.

Every day we had classes on:

1. The Creation Case – Is it possible that God used the BIG Flood, and do we have evidence that can confirm this?
2. Alone with Micija and Ana – this was a special programme when children had the opportunity to learn why smoking is bad, how to behave when they are dating, and how to behave properly in various situations
3. Bible lessons
4. Sports
5. Interesting facts about nature

DINOPARK visits
Looking for fossils

In the evening before we played together

At the end of the camp we had an award ceremony

And this was the most difficult time when children needed to say good bye

Children’s Ministries meeting in Macedonia, Skopje

We talked about how we can help our children to love the Sabbath.

We also talked about Messy Church.
Messy Church
This year we were blessed with another Messy Church in our Union in New Belgrade. The name of this Messy Church is changed to Biblionica because of the Orthodox Church.

Messy Church – Belgrade 1
After a break of 4 months we had 39 children.
Biblionica

New Messy Church in New Belgrade
We published two new books:
Detective Zak and a new song book

We started online broadcasting a year ago. Every 3 months we record the new stories for children.
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