

Dear Friends,

I really like Pinterest. People from all over the world have done the work for you by finding wonderful sites that help you in your work and also with your hobbies (please go to the last page to see our Pinterest page and where you can find us).

One of my Pinterest pages is children's faces. Faces from all around the world. Do you know what I mainly see. Smiling, laughing and happy faces. Kids have this wonderful capacity to see joy in life.

I recently came back from a trip from The Netherlands and I met some of the kids who had been in the Teen Club I ran together with many others. When they saw me their faces lit up and I could see that because of my investment in them they had been blessed. This gave me a good feeling and I praise God that these young people are now serving the church with their gifts and talents. We don't always see if we are making a difference. But if we love the kids and want the best for them and we pray for them daily then we are making a difference.

Don't give up, work together with God and make the life of our kids and those kids we serve blessed.

Clair



ZLATIBOR Children Camp in Serbia

In July and August 2016 we had Bible summer course for the children, age 10 to 14, in the mountain resort of Zlatibor, Serbia. Every group stayed seven days playing together and learning about God, health principles and evidence of Creation.

Every day we had classes on:

ETIQUETTE – where we taught children how to behave properly in various situations;

MUSIC – where we taught children new Christian songs;

BIBLE – where we taught children about God and this was the most important part of this course;

EVIDENCE OF CREATION – we used material from the DVD 'The Creation Case' and made a PowerPoint presentation in our language, together with the handouts;

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS – we created different crafts, depending on the topics. Among the children the most popular craft was creating the anti-stress ball.

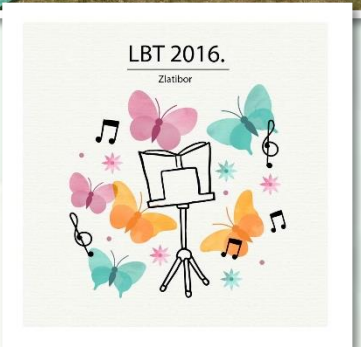
We also had extension of a special health programme called ZDRAVKO (meaning THE HEALTHY ONE) – with the useful and fun lessons about a boy called Zdravko and his friends talking about health and nature preservation.

At the beginning of the course, every child received a songbook, with a table on the last page for collecting points. The attendance to each of the above mentioned classes was rewarded with new points. At the end of the seven days event the children were presented with special gifts for the collected points.



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More pictures from the camp



Messy Church in the South-East European Union

We are very glad that finally we have a Messy Church in Belgrade, Serbia. We started in March 2016, and now we are one year old.

We are so thankful to God for the experience we had through Messy Church. I will briefly share one story. We live in an orthodox country and it's really hard for us to share our beliefs. But children from the Belgrade SDA church wanted to share invitations for the Messy Church meeting in their school. Surprisingly, the teachers allowed them to share invitations to their classmates. That was a real miracle, and at that Messy Church meeting we had 13 new children. But the next Monday, one of our children who shared invitations, was publicly accused of not being a proper Christian for advertising the meeting, and the parents of the invited Orthodox children were very angry. The teacher was obliged to stop sharing the Messy Church invitations. We had to stop the inviting activity among the classmates but we have never stopped praying and at the very next Messy church meeting we had over 100 people (children with their parents) and 20 new children. Our God is great!



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In our Union we have had 2 Messy Church training programmes so far with Clair Sanches in Novi Sad, Serbia and in Banja Luka, Bosnia. We will have the third training programme in July 2017 in Kanjiza, Serbia.



Internet programme for children in Serbia

In our Union we have a studio which we use for broadcasting the gospel through the internet. We have a special programme for children, and we use a studio to film children's stories and to broadcast them through the internet television called Vise TV (it means More TV in English).



The Plan of Salvation in 3D For Children – Report from Poland

The "Plan of Salvation in 3D for Children" was launched in August 2016 at the family camp of the "Three Angels" Mission Group. The aim of this exhibition is to familiarize children with the history of salvation and the Lord Jesus, their Saviour. The title of this project for the people outside of the church is "A Journey Through Time". It is intended for children around 5-12 years of age.

During this exhibition, children go from one station to another and learn the basic steps of the plan of salvation: a rebellion in heaven, creation of the world, the appearance of sin, the flood, life, death and resurrection of Jesus and His second coming.

The exhibition is accompanied by fun and games involving all senses, experiments which are of great interest to children, while teaching them about controlling the emotions, the prayer for confession of sins to God and seeking help from Him, and that Jesus is their best friend.

At the end the children meet with a person dressed as Jesus, who takes them to his kingdom, and puts on their heads crowns and gives them gifts in the form of books speaking about God. Parents and carers receive the book "Steps to Christ".

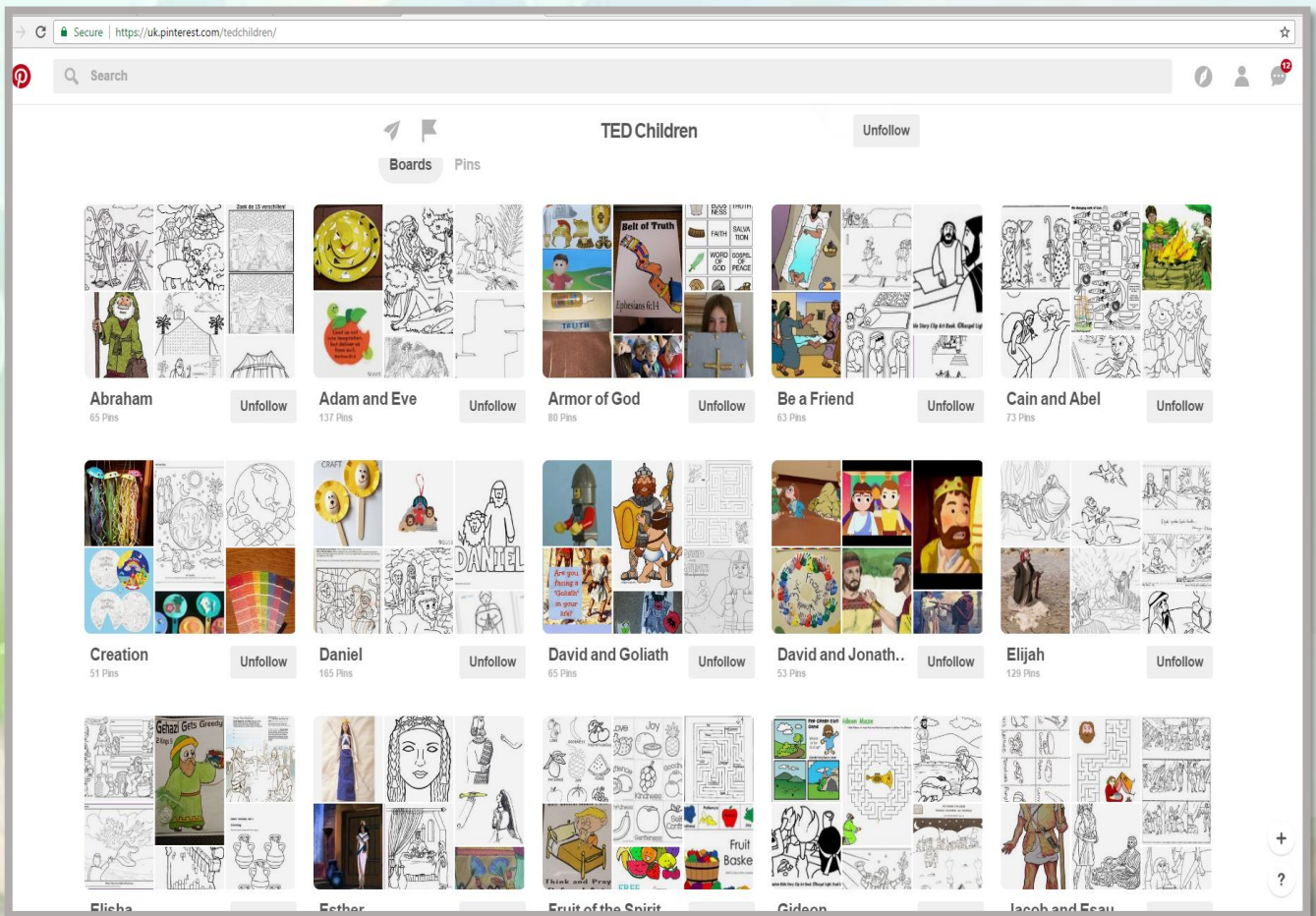
The project is implemented mainly in the open air: in parks, playgrounds, etc. So far we held five exhibitions, which was attended by a total of about 400 children and their parents.



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Division Children's Ministries department Pinterest page

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This is what our Pinterest page looks like. Lots of ideas, colouring pages, object lessons, video clips...etc. and we are constantly adding new ideas to the page.

You can find our Pinterest page here:

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