

In October, Ambassadors Football had a global gathering of leaders in the picturesque village of Altenkirchen, Germany. We had times of worship, prayer, teaching and fellowship, caught up with old friends and ministry partners, and met new ones from various parts of the world. Playing soccer in between sessions was one of the ways we connected (and was much harder when younger ones were on the field!) One of the highlights for me was spending time with two sports ministry legends, Eddie and Hermann, who were guests.

Eddie's thoughts and questions on how to become a New Testament kind of leader impacted me...how to become a leader who emphasizes humility over skill, who avoids feeding one's ego, who builds lifetime friendships with people, who makes decisions for tomorrow and not only for today, who allows God to work in situations which don't make sense, who models ministry where it doesn't make sense. who is not afraid to make mistakes but admits them and learns from them, who surrounds himself with and disciples people who are better and more successful, who empowers and gives credibility to others and who allows younger leaders to lead, who always puts the kingdom first and who doesn't neglect family. What a great challenge.

*Right: the Europe group*



After the gathering I had planned to visit Fabrizio and Rebeka in Bologna, **Italy** where they relocated for ministry, but flooding prevented my going; please pray as they need to fix their damaged car and as they continue to work alongside others to clean up their streets.

Instead of Italy I went to **Croatia** and along with Momir, met Pastor Jasmin who is planning a large youth festival for next June. More than one thousand youth from former Yugoslav republics are expected to participate in sports events and hear speakers. Ambassadors has been asked to organize a tournament. Please pray for the leaders, resources and various teams working on this project.

In northeastern **Serbia**, ministry with youth is growing and the gospel is being preached. Rale and Dragana are starting to build a team of helpers, and Novica is one of them who recently began attending seminary. I had the opportunity to preach at First Baptist Church in Belgrade.

In **Slovakia**, Pastor Stevo has joined the Ambassadors team and will serve alongside Lukas and Lydia. I am encouraged to see how the church is using soccer to reach younger generations and refugees settled in that part of the country.

I am thankful for safety over several days of driving and great meetings with ministry partners.

Beth is a resident at Fieldstone Counseling and is enjoying the opportunity to learn and grow as a counselor.

***Thank you for reading our update, praying for us, and faithfully supporting our ministry! We are truly grateful for you.***

***With our love in Christ,  
Goran & Beth***