

# CEF Team from Montenegro



*Pray with us for*

**vehicle  
for ministry**

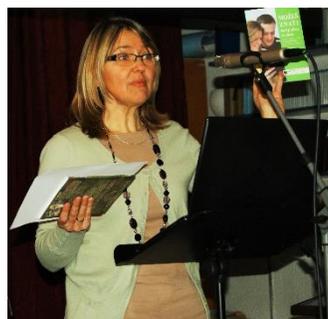
*„, apart from me you can do nothing.”  
John 15, 5*

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Dear friends,

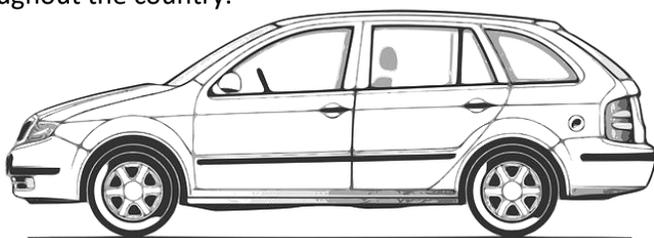
We are thankful for the ministry Child Evangelism Fellowship is doing in Montenegro. We see a great need for this ministry. Recently, the Good News Club ministry has spread to more cities – Podgorica, Tivat, Kamenari, Bar and Nikšić. Out of this, a need has arisen that we want to share with you now.

There are six members of the CEF team in Montenegro – Miruška Čmelik, Katarina Rabrenović with her husband Aleksandar, and Izabela and Lazar Atanasovski with their little daughter Viktoria. We are all in different areas of ministry, yet we are connected through various ministry activities, mainly through the CEF activities but also through various Christian organizations, so we often travel together. Certain activities are often held in different regions of Montenegro or even beyond its borders. We want to point out that geographically Montenegro and the countries around it are very mountainous with steep and narrow roads. Also, the terrain can be difficult for driving even in early autumn or late spring due to snow and ice, or water runoff, road erosion and rock slides. All of these things lead us to this project – a ministry vehicle for Montenegro.



## **Characteristics of the vehicle and its potential uses for ministry in Montenegro**

CEF Montenegro, since its formation, has yet to have its own vehicle. Miruška Čmelik, a long-time CEF worker in Montenegro, has used public transportation (bus and train) for her ministry throughout the country.



When Lazar and Izabela Atanasovski joined the CEF team, their personal car, a 1995 Volkswagen Jetta, was used as the CEF ministry vehicle.

We thank God for this car, but it is an older car that has broken down often. Recently longer trips have become uncertain and risky due to the frequent breakages. It's often happened that the car breaks down in a place without a mechanic or service station, in another country, or in the middle of the night. Such situations are difficult and unpleasant. Sometimes in our team we make jokes about it, saying we pray more now because of it!

For any expansion in ministry, especially Good News Clubs, 5-day Clubs, camps (which are held some distance away), as well as the need to drive volunteers or children, we need a trustworthy, newer seven-seat vehicle with a roof cargo carrier. Such a vehicle would better meet our needs and we see that it would be a big help in ministry due to the following reasons:

## 1 MINISTRY GROWTH

As the ministry grows and develops, it's necessary to travel more kilometers. In the course of a normal month, we travel between 300 and 400 km for CEF ministry. Even just in the regular ministry with the Good News Club in Podgorica we must ask other drivers for help to pick up the children for the club. And the Good News Club ministering to Roma children in Konik, on the outskirts of Podgorica, also requires the transportation of materials and workers.

We believe that with a newer vehicle, both fuel and time will be saved in addition to spending less on repairs. It would result in a more effective ministry.

## 2 SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, CAMPS, CEF TEAM MEETINGS

The next area where this vehicle would be a help is for traveling to seminars, conferences, and camps. Several times a year, CEF organizes something in a neighboring country or in one further away. We often bring, or would like to bring, volunteers or teenagers.

We also have CEF team meetings twice a year and they are usually held in Serbia requiring us to travel an additional 2000 km each year. With a newer vehicle our expenses for fuel and repairs would be reduced, plus we could bring more people.

## 3 VARIOUS VISITS

This type of vehicle would also allow us to better organize our visits to people, parents, and children.



Dear friends, we are aware of the real need for a vehicle to do our ministry. The Lord Jesus in John 15:5 said: *we can do nothing apart from Him*. We don't want to do anything by our own strength.

Instead we want to rely completely on the Lord for this need.

Approved amount by the CEF committee is 10.000 euros. Please help us achieve this goal.

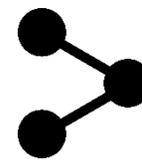
## We ask you to join us in meeting this need for the CEF team of Montenegro.



One way you can join us is through prayer. Pray together with us for the Lord to guide this project to its complete realization, to the purchase of the vehicle.



The next way is to participate through your financial gift, according to your ability, for raising the necessary funds to purchase the vehicle.



Another way is to share this need with others so they can also have the chance to contribute through prayer or financial gifts to the purchase of a CEF ministry vehicle for Montenegro.

If you wish to give a financial donation to help fund this project, you may send your gift in the following way, to the account :

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