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Dear Friends of Galcom:

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Restoring Hope In Flood Ravaged Serbia

“Don’t let the floods overwhelm me, or the deep waters swallow me, or the pit of death devour me.” ***(Ps. 69:15 NLT)***

Last May, Europe’s Balkan Peninsula experienced devastating flooding when an extreme low-pressure area stagnated in the region for several days, dumping huge amounts of rainfall in the process. Some areas received three months of normal rainfall in a single day. In many places, it was the greatest flood since records have been kept.

This deluge also caused at least 2,000 destructive landslides as rain-saturated sloping soils yielded to the inexorable force of gravity. The death toll quickly moved up towards 100 and at least several hundred thousand people were made homeless virtually overnight. The damage was so great, according to some experts, that the cost to rebuild may exceed several billion dollars. Agricultural production could take 5 years to fully recover.

In response to a request from our friends at Trans World Radio, Galcom sent 500 new GO-TELL solar-powered radios locked onto the hope-filled Good News signal of TWR Europe into the affected region. We recently received this edited report from TWR:

“First off, I would like to thank Galcom for the donation of solar radios for Serbia, Bosnia, and the surrounding areas after the historic flood that hit this area in May 2014. We received the radios through the TWR office in Bratislava, Slovakia. This method eased the process of transport because we did not have to wait for them to be cleared through Serbian customs.

The Ikonos team from Belgrade, Serbia came to Bratislava in order to collect the radios needed for their areas. (You should understand that even though Serbia is described as a Christian country – it is mainly Orthodox

and the Catholic Church is treated as “second class”. Evangelicals make up only about 0.2% of population.)

After a nine-hour drive, we arrived in Obrenovac, Serbia - a small town near Belgrade that was almost completely flooded. At every exit from the town, there is a basin for disinfection for every vehicle in order to wash the bacteria and decrease the spread on infection. This town lost twenty-six people and practically all of their livestock and belongings.

We were able to talk to one family and give them a Galcom radio and left more radios for delivery as other families moved back into their homes. The TWR staff members who were with me were able to speak with the wife of the man who leads the Red Cross division for that area as well. One of them wrote on her blog ‘Hearing their stories... broke my heart, but also taught me so much about appreciating what I have . I will never forget my day in Obrenovac.’

The family we spoke to is not a Christian family, but have many friends who are Christian and are receptive to hearing the Gospel. They consider themselves Orthodox, but will say they do not follow it closely or attend church. They are interesting in listening to programs by TWR and received a radio so that they may do so. We are providing them with a schedule of programs and they are excited to start listening and learning about what their friends have been telling them about for so long.”

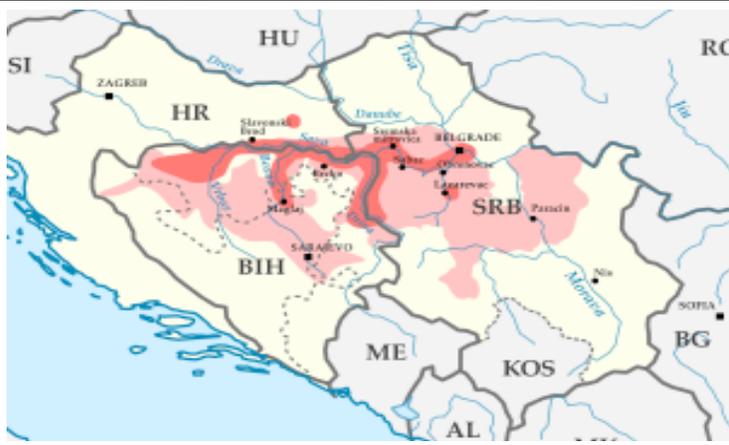
Peter Kolarovsky

Thank you, Galcom partners, for your faithful prayers and gifts that are helping to make this radio ministry to suffering Serbians possible. Stay “fix-tuned” for future updates on this and other outreaches. US donations may be made by check to Galcom and sent to the above address. Canadian gifts should be sent to 115 Nebo Road, Hamilton, ON L8W 2E1. Visit www.galcomusa.com/Donatenow.htm and follow the prompts to make a donation online.

For the unreached,

Tom Blackstone
Exec. Director

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In mid May, devastating flooding swept through the Balkan region (most damaged areas appear in red)



The merciless, rising floodwaters left scores dead and quickly displaced several hundred thousand



Rain-saturated & unstable soils caused the loss of thousands of homes through destructive landslides



We earnestly hope that this elderly man & his ever-loyal canine companion made it to safe ground OK



This family is rebuilding future hopes through the Gospel message they hear on their Galcom radio