

Thanksgiving & Family REVIVEE 6.0

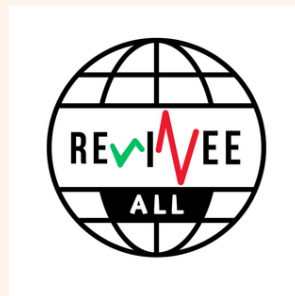


ReviveEALL Newsletter

So Thankful for God

What an incredible month we have had! November was packed with meaningful moments, powerful lessons, and reminders of God's presence in every one of our cities. Between our Bible Tour, our Thanksgiving reunion, and the many day-to-day miracles we witnessed, it has been a month overflowing with gratitude.

We have now officially been in our countries for more than a month, settled into our rhythms, and fully engaged in the mission God has called us to. It's been a month of growth—not just in our ministries, but in our own faith. We're grateful for how God has used each moment, big and small, to teach us, strengthen us, and unite us as a team. We hope this newsletter gives you a glimpse of what God is doing through your prayers, love, and support.



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MOLDOVA

ELIZAVETA MARAKHOVETS

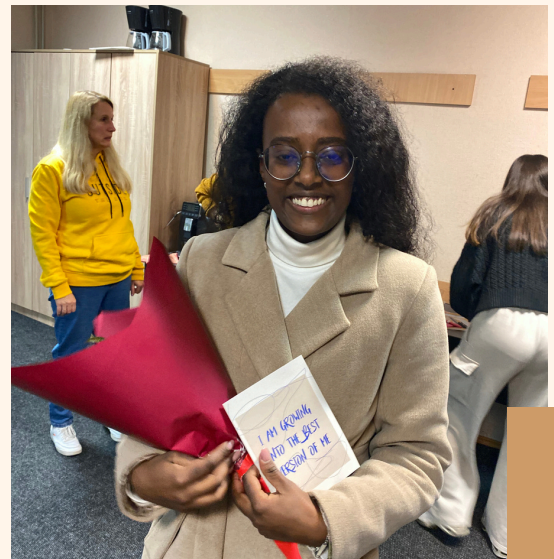
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Hermella's story

Hermella miraculously moved to Chisinau six months ago from Ethiopia to take a new job. All her life, she went to different churches and searched for God. The population of Ethiopia is mostly Orthodox. Protestant churches are not particularly respected. Hermella's aunt helped her grow up in Christ and be faithful since childhood.

After graduating from university, she moved to another country for a job, where it was not easy for her to find a church that she liked. A church that follows the Bible.

10 days after her move, Hermella sat in a cafe and prayed that God would give her some kind of church. And at that moment, our sisters came in, who were preaching on the street at that time, and came to a coffee shop where there was supposed to be a Bible talk. They approached Hermella to invite her to a Bible talk and she was amazed. She began attending church service and youth meetings, and soon began studying the Bible. She began to pray, tried to figure out what her path was and whether she really followed what the Bible said, and when she discovered that she was not living according to the Bible, not as a disciple, she decided to be baptized. All this time, she studied the Bible hard, prayed, and shared her revelations every day.



And on Wednesday, October 29, Hermella was baptized before the midweek church meeting. This event was filled with great joy for Hermella and all of us. The baptism was even joined by video sisters from other cities and countries, who were at the very beginning of Hermella's spiritual journey.

The Small Daily Encouragements

Our mission continues every week. A very cool cafe recently opened, and we were really looking forward to its opening. Besides the fact that the coffee here is very cheap and tasty, there is a lot of space. And we started holding game nights and Bible discussions here every week. There are already some small fruits. We also held karaoke. It was a lot of fun, and we sang songs in 5 languages.



ROMANIA

ANDREI GANE

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The end of the year is rapidly approaching yet it finds the team fully going in with momentum! The weeks begin to be filled with studies and, when they're not, we're sharing our faith as if Revivee just started. It's amazing to see how much a team can accomplish if it runs on frequent loving and sincere encouragement.

Fruit That Multiplies

One of the guys that's studying the Bible responded to the scriptures about loving one another and became fired up to meet with us, hang out and study out the Word. In fact, the Word had such a big impact on his life that it impacts people around him. While Jordan and Chris were randomly sharing their faith a while ago, they bumped into this guy that started talking about how he started considering studying the Bible because his roommate started radically changing his life. Upon further questioning, it seems like his roommate is our Bible study - he seems to be close to making the decision to follow Jesus with all his life and heart.



A Fellowship Marked by Love

Last week we also had a Thanksgiving... series of meals. One with the whole Revivee team, in Turkey, one with the local team in Bucharest and one with the AlphaOmega ministry. All of them were faith building and inspiring but I have to share about the last one since it was one where 6 visitors came and got to see how disciples love each other and practice gratitude. Some shared how they went to many churches but they never experienced anything similar to the love this fellowship has for one another



BULGARIA

DAVID COLE

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God's Fighting for Souls

We got to start the month of November with welcoming a New Brother, Martin!!! A little background about Martin, he grew up over on the seaside of Bulgaria. He moved to Sofia for university and to pursue his kickboxing career. Martin was met over the summer. He started to study the Bible. As most summers go, he went back home, but he wanted to continue to study the Bible so he initiated Bible studies over zoom. When we got back to Sofia, we were able to hit the ground running and met with him as he was eager to learn more about God and wanted to get right with him. And so on November 2, Martin decided to make Jesus Lord of his life! It's so amazing to see the journey that Martin has had coming to this point. The other cool thing is at the end of this month on November 29 Martin had a Title Fight! The night before his fight, he had reached out and wanted some scriptures so he could pray through before his fight. Scriptures to help give him strength, calmness, and knowing that God's in control. The church came together to go watch Martin's title fight, where he won, and took home the belt! It's amazing to see how God brings people from all walks of life towards him.



Thanksgiving & Friends

This month we've also been blessed to have so many people study the Bible. There are a lot of people that are wanting to know more about who God is, and wanting to dive deeper in their relationships with him. We are so grateful for the way that God is moving in the hearts of Bulgarians.

We had an amazing Thanksgiving dinner for the whole church to end the month off. With around 40 people and a ton of food it was a great time of fellowship and giving thanks. It was great being able to invite so many friends, families, and visitors out to our Thanksgiving dinner. Everyone brought a ton of different foods to share and it was such a vibrant and encouraging evening.

HUNGARY

DELIANNE RAMOS

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Sisterhood Growing Stronger

November has been full of blessings, challenges, and new experiences for the Budapest Team. The sisters have begun meeting through Zoom two to three days a week to read and discuss God's word together. These Haverot meetings have been incredibly encouraging to both the NextGen and the Revivee sisters. Although they're usually led by our team members, some of the sisters from the local ministry have stepped up to lead discussions to grow in their faith and leadership!



Training, Fellowship, and Friendsgiving

We also kicked off small group training with Prayer Care Share! The training was led by our team leader and introduced a new way to conduct small groups to the Budapest NextGen group. After the training, we celebrated Friendsgiving together. The afternoon was full of encouragement, laughter, and gratitude for all the ways God has been moving in the city.



God's Vision for Budapest

It is so clear God has wonderful things in store for this city and this church. The Budapest church has laid a strong foundation through the decades, and this is only the beginning of how we'll continue to build upon that foundation. We've continued to share faith, host bible talks at different campuses, and join the church for their weekly outreach. Above all, the bonds between the team and the church continue to grow and deepen as we work together to bring the gospel to Budapest.



CROATIA

ISAAC BIRR

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Building Up an Existing Church

What has been the most inspiring this month has been the vision for how we're building up this existing church in Zagreb, which in essence is the very point of revive. The thing that makes revive really complicated is that we are working with an existing church, who have essentially been left on their own for 20 years of their faith. Then for ReviveEE to come in and tell them that in a couple months we will be changing the very fabric of their church is a difficult thing to do. Despite this challenge the Zagreb church has welcomed us so warmly and been nothing but humble, they are so open to changing the way that they have been doing things for a long time now and this inspires me — we know how much humility it takes to be willing to put habits aside and because of all this I am inspired at every single meeting of the body, because of their faith and humility. This is why I have no doubt in a couple months, when our lives have become far more chaotic and we've got far more Bible studies that we can handle that we won't be too overwhelmed because this church the foundation of what we're building on is strong and that together we will save the city one soul at a time.



Restoring the Kingdom

One of the faith building stories from this month has been with an exchange student here in Zagreb who is from Ukraine is studying Croatian language back in Ukraine and he is currently doing a semester abroad here in Zagreb. He was drifting from God for a bit, but after arriving in Zagreb he decided that he wanted to get reconnected to God, he was put in touch with us here locally and he has been growing closer to God once again! The miraculous part of it is that he was here at the same time Mark came here and a brother from the Kyiv church connected them, because he knew Mark just moved here, and another bonus is that they can connect to God in their mother tongue.



TURKEY TRIP

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Reunited

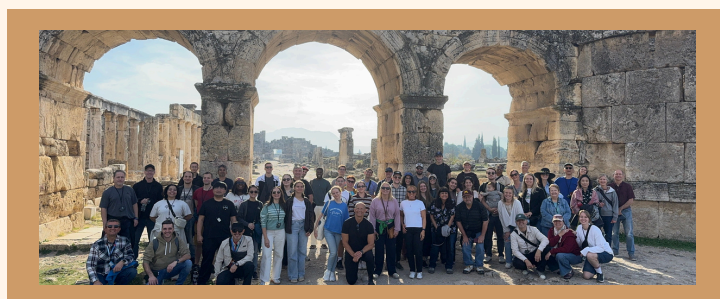
Each team individually flew into Istanbul airport from their respective cities where we all met back together in person for the first time in the food court at Istanbul airport, for everyone else in the airport it must've been a weird experience seeing the reunion of 60 Reviveer's in public because of the the joy and excitement that everyone had when we met back together. Together we boarded our flight to Izmir and there began our Thanksgiving reunion, or more aptly named turkey in Turkey. The next morning we set off from our hotel in downtown Izmir and travelled to our first site of the trip: Ephesus.



Ephesus

Ephesus is notable in that it used to house one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, the temple of Artemis. This along with strong worshiping of the imperial cult would have made even basic discipleship make you stand out and be a target for severe persecution, this is a testament to the faith of our brothers and sisters of years gone by who faced death in all sorts of ways because of their loyalty to Jesus — not to man. Due in part to the city's cultural significance and strategic geographical location the 1st century church in Ephesus was most likely the largest in Asia Minor and thus has its fingerprints on more than half a dozen New Testament books.

Needless to say Ephesus was a pillar church for early Christians and shaped our faith in a way that is still impacting us to this day; and us being able to walk the same roads of the apostle Paul and our early brothers and sisters built our faith by seeing the pages of the bible leap off the page and into marble. After concluding our time in Ephesus we hopped onto the bus and headed several hours drive east where the next morning we came to our next stop on our Bible tour: Hierapolis and Laodicea.



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Laodicea + Heirapolis

Now Hierapolis is a lesser known site although it receives a quick mention in Colossians 4:13, the reason for Hierapolis significance is due to it's proximity to Laodicea – at barely even 10 km (6 miles), you can see the white calcium cliffs of Hierapolis from the hilltop of Laodicea – Hierapolis' natural hot springs likely inspired the imagery used in Revelation 3 when Jesus refers to the Laodiceans neither being hot nor cold but lukewarm. In Laodicea two stand out archeological finds are 1) remains of early house churches, which indicates that the church did repent when they received their letter from Jesus and that their lamp stand was not taken from them, and 2) the 3rd century church in Laodicea has a baptistry (which is almost identical to others of it's time) which is just large enough for two people to be in. The implications of this being that baptism (full immersion of an adult) for the purpose of salvation used to be the norm.

Thanksgiving in Izmir

After this full day we headed back for the night before our return trip to Izmir. And we finally finished up our trip by travelling back to Izmir for the trips name sake, having our turkey in Turkey; our celebration of thanksgiving was a time of reflection on all the ways in which God has been blessing us over this past year and beyond.



One thing that we did to encourage each other was to have a card for every single person in the team. We all went around and wrote a special message of encouragement in each others cards – having 60 people encourage each other in a way that they can look back in a time of trouble is an amazing blessing because it is a reminder that no one on RevivEE is alone. This is what our trip was really all about – yes the bible tour was nice but really what was most impactful was the being back together and intentionally encouraging each other, having the unplanned hangouts, and random fellowship is what was truly special about Turkey. It was said that the entire RevivEE team could have been in a mall for 5 days, and we'd be similarly encouraged as we were together in Turkey, because being in Turkey was only what enabled the very special moments to take place; in short we are very thankful for each other on RevivEE.





Together We Are Changing Lives

God is moving in such amazing and incredible ways! We are so thankful for all the people God is bringing into our paths. We are super encouraged to be a part of such loving churches! And we're all very thankful to you who made this all possible, without the immense generous support from you, our donors, then none of this would be made possible, so as an entire RevivEE team we'd like to say a very large thank you very much for enabling us to take this leap of faith and move our lives to Eastern Europe and be able to change the world one soul at a time.

As we look ahead, we're filled with faith and expectation. God has already done so much in just a few short months, and we believe He is preparing even greater things in the months to come. We're grateful to partner with you in this mission, and we pray this newsletter has strengthened your faith just as much as living it has strengthened ours.



ReviveALL 26 is LIVE!!!

Applications for the next RevivEE are live! We are hoping to have a team of 60 people for the next RevivEE. If you are interested, or if you know anyone who is interested please submit an application! We would love to talk with you! Just send an email to missionrevivee@gmail.com and we will get you that application!

Thank you again for your love, your support, and your belief in what God is doing. We are grateful for you, and we pray God blesses you in every way as we continue this journey together.



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