

CEF Centre refurbishing project 2018 – Durres, Albania

Project description

We are very grateful for the centre which has been a great blessing for the growing ministry of CEF Albania in the past years. The building was purchased in 1999 and it was ready for use in 2001. The building has a multipurpose use. Firstly, it serves as a national centre with two offices and literature storage. Churches and partner mission



organizations come to buy teaching materials for their ministry. The second purpose is to host teacher training sessions and residential courses. The classroom is well equipped for training and 7 guest rooms provide accommodation for 26 people. In the summer months we are using the building to host camps for children and teenagers.

Testimony: **One of the children from a Good News Club had invited her friend to attend camp. She came and liked the camp so much that the next week she brought her brother Klaudio. Their family has very strong Muslim convictions, so during the week Klaudio had many questions about God, declaring that he was a Muslim. However, during the week he learned more about the true God and accepted Jesus, and we prayed for him. It was obvious that he was different than he had been at the beginning of the week. The change in him could be seen on his face.**

As time goes by the weaknesses in structure and quality of materials has become more and more visible. In order to avoid major structural deterioration, we need to do some urgent repairs on the building:

1. **Complete outside insulation (€14.000).** After 15 years the salty beach air has caused cracks and damp is penetrating through the wall and foundations. Mould is now appearing in the office area, literature depot and sanitary units. We don't want this to lead to health problems for the staff or destruction of literature nor the malfunction of office equipment. Total surface is 700 m²
2. **Fixing the roof and drainage system (€5.000).** The edges of the roof structure weren't done properly, probably due to lack of proper finishing materials at that time. Now we have many leaks affecting the upper level. Drain pipes aren't fitting properly any more causing damage each heavy rain season.

3. **Insulate the foundation (€5.000).** The foundation hasn't been insulated, so damp is penetrating and humidity is reaching higher levels each rainy season. In the long term this can affect the structure of the building.
4. **Fixing the sliding gate (€3.000).** The wheels became rusty and the metallic guide has been damaged by strong winds. A new coat of paint is needed for the whole structure.
5. **Heating system service (€3.000).** For the office area we have air-con heating and cooling. Due to poor quality which was available 7 years ago the system has malfunctions and is not working with efficiently. A proper service needs to be done in order to provide acceptable environment in the office area.

We are looking for donors for funding to complete these necessary repairs. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any details about this project.

Total estimated cost is €30.000

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