



Morning devotions at the teen and youth camp in Bella Voda



“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”

- Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

God is always doing new things! Sometimes the growth we are hoping to see is slow in coming, but we can celebrate the milestones God gives us along the way.

anxiety about pulling it off. However, thanks to some extra planning and some awesome volunteers, the camp went smoothly with forty teenagers and youth in attendance.

The theme of the camp was the character of God. We enjoyed several edifying talks along with times of worship and group discussions. My favorite part was staying in the cabin for the youngest group of girls and getting to know them better.

Three cheers for the worship team and their faithful service!



From Thursday, July 27th to Sunday, July 30th, the Methodist Commission for Youth in Macedonia held a summer camp at a beautiful retreat center in Berovo, Macedonia. This is the first time the camp has been held at [Bela Voda](#) and the first time a camp has been held in a few years so there was a bit of

I LOVED spending time with the girls in my cabin and writing encouraging notes to other campers.



During the day, we had time for group games, swimming, hiking, horseback riding, hanging out, and a few workshops. With help from Marija and Hristina, I led two workshops on prayer.

Perhaps you have heard of the acronym, [ACTS](#), as a tool for helping us pray (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication). With Nena's help, I created an acronym in Macedonian coinciding with the Lord's prayer. I taught the participants how they can use the word СПОРТ (SPORT) to help them pray. "C" stands for "Славење" or praise. "П" for Прифаќање волјата на Бог (accepting the will of God), "О" for Опростување (forgiving), "P" for Работи што ни требаат (things that we need), and "T" for заштита и водство (protection and guidance). After completing the acronym, we had a sweet time of prayer progressing through each step together.



Using the Lord's prayer as a model for our prayers

Another milestone in the life of the church has been the formation of a home group for young adults over the age of 27. We meet at my house on Thursday or Friday nights to study the Word, pray, sing, and share life together. We are currently working through a Bible study on the fruit of the Spirit and average around seven in attendance each night – eight if you count Lizzy!

I am often exhausted by the end of the class because it puts such a strain on my Macedonian speaking abilities, but I am thankful for it. I am



Enjoying ice cream in our home group

thankful for the patience and love the members have shown me, and, yes, even for their grammatical corrections! This crazy mix of Macedonian, English, and life that we call our group has become one of the highlights of my week.

Participation in the camp and the homegroup remind me that strong and lasting structures are built slowly, step by step. Please pray that the youth and young adult programs will continue to grow and be blessed.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Moore

Speaking of a milestone...

One of the ladies in the church had a new grandchild born to her last month. To commemorate the occasion, she brought mekumcu (mekitci), a traditional fried bread served with white cheese. They were quite tasty and had me hoping for more grandchildren to be born!

