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PREFACE

Dear friends and supporters of

Nehemiah Gateway Albania,

I warmly thank you for another year of working together towards our mission and I invite you to look back to the events of this past year. With 27 years of experience in Albania, we know that the positive impact on human life takes more than one year to be accomplished. It is the steady, ongoing work and the impact of each single day, that brings change.

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When we look at the overall picture and translate the impact into figures, the meaning of personal contribution can get lost. However, what we bring to individuals in need every day to a lonely elderly person, to a small child in kindergarten or school, to a teenager at high school or to a student at university, which can create a positive impact on their lives.

In 2017, I had the privilege of visiting Cuba; we have two students at Nehemiah Gateway University from there. The inland trip to the less touristic places was like a journey through time for me. I could continually draw parallels with my own country, Albania, up to the 1990s. The comparison makes me feel grateful for the freedom we have now in Albania: freedom to move on and develop. How we proceed to help can either bring us closer, or move us away from, developing the potential of the people who work in these countries. I would like to thank our co-workers in the social and the maintenance projects for their daily dedication towards people in need. I would like also to thank our volunteers, teachers, educators, service workers and those who draft documents and strategies at their desks. Without the contribution of each of them, Nehemiah Gateway Albania could not have left the positive impact of today in our society.

In the end, I would like to express my gratitude to our co-worker, to you, dear friends and loyal supporters, as well as to our Lord for His grace and blessings.

Gratefully, Herolinda Shkullaku, Executive Director



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IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS OF 2017

HUMANITARIAN HELP

In January, 2017, in Pogradec, as is all Europe, we faced a really harsh winter, which caused a lot of problems in rural zones, but also in the city. The social project of N.G. Albania was ready and present to help many families in need with fire wood, food, clothes, medical aid and in some cases also financial aid. The kitchens of the foundation were open all the time, serving warm meals for those who had nothing else. A "task force" was created which served the needy and the poorest throughout the weather



Christmas Market



Christmas Market is in its fourth year. This is an event that from a simple idea became a tradition now, which Pogradec awaits

Already a tradition now,

every year with great desire. Everything is organized inside N.G. Albania campus and for two days the campus is filled with lights, music, food, music and a lot of laughter and joy.

The Christmas Market is a social event with the goal to serve to the community by opening the doors for them and giving the chance to the sellers to use all our facilities to sell their products, but at the same time it is PR for our work in Albania.

business@school goes Albania



business@school, an initiative of the Boston Consulting Group, is empowering young people in the EU candidate country Albania – so that hopelessness transforms into a bright future.

A pilot project has been started in South-Eastern

Albania in cooperation with Nehemiah Gateway Albania. The goal is to impart business knowledge at a young age, and to awaken entrepreneur spirit, courage and self-confidence. 16 students of Nehemia School in Buçimas are presently taking part in the program. Their results and start-up ideas will be presented from 20 April 2017 in a multi-day workshop on Nehemiah Gateway University's campus in Buçimas with the support of German project participants.

Goal achieved! Computer Lab for Amaro Tan



We received \$6,228 for the new computer studio (as of July 17, 2017) - many thanks

to all the donors! Computer literacy is a vital skill in today's world. That's especially true for children from low-income families who have no access to computers outside of school. Our 140 pupils and students from Amaro Tan in Pogradec/Albania shall get a modern computer lab, so they can catch up with their (wealthier) peers and perhaps even to surpass them!

Background: Amaro Tan's present computer lab is

hopelessly out of date. A first improvement was the donation of 12 new computer screens from the German Embassy in Albania. Now other important components will be replaced to make the lab functional and up-todate. The school is 100% financed from donation, so every contribution is highly welcome! Students at Amaro Tan are from (extremely) low-income families, most of them from the Roma community.

A Fresh Breeze for University



N.G. University is pleased to welcome Dr. Roy and Beverlee Atwood. Beginning in January 2017, Dr. Atwood is the new Deputy Head of University for

Academic and Institutional Development. Beverlee is an Advisor to the University's administration, helping to optimize and to increase efficiency with academic records and procedures.

Dr. Atwood has extensive experience in leadership at universities in the U.S. His primary academic field is mass communication (journalism, communication history, and media law and policy) and he holds a Ph.D. degree in mass communication from the University of Iowa, USA. He also has academic and professional qualifications in theology and humanities.

Beverlee, who holds a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from the University of Idaho, also has extensive administrative experience in American higher education. She served as an administrative assistant at the Department of Architecture at the University of Idaho for about ten years, as the Registrar (head of academic records) at New Saint Andrews College (Idaho, USA, 2003-2015) and also at Morthland College (Illinois, 2015-2016). In January the couple moved to Buçimas/Albania.

A New Rector for N.G. University



On October 20th 2017, Dr. iur. Elis Tarelli was officially installed as Nehemiah Gateway University's new Rector.

Also honored was his immediate predecessor, Prof.Dr. Goran Rafajlovski. Board chairman Arnold Geiger presented Goran Rafajlovski with a gift of thanks for his service and thanked him for the readiness to put his rich experience at our disposal also in the future, as a member of the Supervisory Board.

When success becomes tradition



For many years Nehemia School has been on the top ten best schools in Albania, according to the State High School Exam results.

These results are every good indicator for the success of the school in all these years, a fact that has become a success story.

This face has set a very high standard, and also has increased a lot the requirements for studying in our school, but also has created a big challenge for the pupils and the teachers. In this phase, the only thing that we can do is keep up the good work so the success can become tradition.

Inclusion – From Personal Experience



On May 10th, 2017 Nehemiah Gateway, in cooperation with World Vision Albania and Emergency Response Albania (ERA), organized a very well

attended conference on the topic "inclusion" in Tirana. Two of the renowned speakers are acquainted with this subject from personal experience: wheelchair-bound Albanian Vice-Minister for Social Affairs and Youth, Bardhylka Kospiri and Steffen Helbing, one-armed wheelchair user who can neither hear nor speak – but is very active in politics. The Mayor of Tirana, Erion Veliaj, and the German Prof. Dr. Werner Esser contributed interesting addresses. Later, Steffen Helbing journeyed on to Nehemiah Gateway's Albanian Headquarters in Buçimas/Pogradec, where another Forum meeting was held.

Traffic ground project in Bucimas



In Albania, car accidents are a frequent occurrence, so training young people how to behave as a pedestrian or a driver is needed to protect lives.

N.G. Albania created the traffic grounds training project, to teach the pupils of Nehemiah and public schools in the region, all the rules and behaviour of road traffic.

The walkways and driving routes through N.G. Albania's campus have been transformed to accommodate teaching about traffic. Pupils learn to follow the rules, and obey all the road signs, stop lights and crosswalks which are clearly posted throughout the campus.

This project has been made possible in cooperation with the Bavarian Police and especially with Mr. Werner Hoyer, Director of Traffic Ground School in Bavaria, Germany. Mr. Hoyer has been a great support for this project, which is developing an awareness for better and safer roads in Albania.



WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

In today's society, more and more, we are faced with a very fundamental problem of separating values from a quality education.

This disunity adds to exhisting problems such as poverty, domestic violence, socio-cultural marginalization and many more.

So how can a solution be found for all these problems, in a society that is increasingly moving away from values?

We at N.G. Albania believe that providing opportunities through various projects, for a quality education and a value-based life is a long-term solution for reducing these problems in our society.

Our philosophy of education is to teach and train students from kindergarten to university. The vocational and foreign language courses support this philosophy. by providing a short-term solution to some of these problems. The goal is to give every individual the chance to sustainably shape and determine their lives in dignity and independence.

MISSION OF N.G. ALBANIA

Helping and empowering people to sustainably shape and determine their lives in dignity and independence.

GOALS OF N.G. ALBANIA

Sustainability

We especially want to provide socially deprived people with the chance to build up their own sustainable existence. They can then create, or at least support, a stable local community in their respective societies based upon reliable norms and values.

Helping others to help themselves

By purposefully establishing and supporting projects that are "helping others to help themselves" in the target countries, we want to help create desirable and lasting living environments within their own country.

Building blocks

- Social and Medical Improvement
- Education
- Project Empowerment
- Core Values Implementation

Values

- Forgiveness
- Respect
- Integrity
- Honesty
- Compassion
- Inspiration





SOCIAL AND MEDICAL IMPROVEMENT



he Project of Social and Medical Improvement has a very broad spectrum in N.G. Albania. Various services are offered: home visits, cleaning, counselling, food packages, humanitarian aid, physiotherapy, ergotherapy and speech therapy services. Medical services are also offered at the clinic that N.G. Albania has in Bucimas.

The medical clinic offers free services for children of the kindergarten, school pupils, students, co-workers and residents of the community who need medical and social care.

The co-workers of the Project of Social and Medical Improvement also provide training on various social and medical topics, such as first aid, provide check-ups twice per year for school pupils, find support for the children with financial difficulties, organize camps for children with different abilities, and many other services. All these services are offered at our three Local Centers in Pogradec, Bucimas and Gjirokaster.

66 PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL AID, AS WELL AS SOCIAL SUPPORT IS NEEDED IN ORDER TO ENABLE PEOPLE TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES



IMPACT BOX-2017

200 families received food
packages
53 clients received physiological
therapy
223 parcels distributed to children
9,776 hot meals
23 m³ firewood distributed to 70
families
633 persons received medical
and therapeutic treatment
42 reimbursement for medical help
or prescription
30 children with disabilities participated in a summer camp

EDUCATION



388 study at Nehemia School from **6th** place on the state exams for High 9 certificates of B2 level for German **16** pupils participated at the 600 pupils from 12 public schools

he philosophy of education of N.G. Albania is "from kindergarten to university" and therefore the education of children starts from the kindergarten.

Nehemia School

The Nehemia Kindergarten takes care of 70 children who are taught practical skills while playing and learning at the same time, which prepares them for school.

Nehemia School started operating in 1998 and today there are 387 students from 1st to 12th grade enrolled

The school has appropriate facilities for the development of learning such as laboratories for chemistry, physics, informatics and foreign languages. Children from kindergarten to university are taught to

build their lives on values, which help them to become tomorrow's positive influence in the society.

NEHEMIA School has implemented a challenging academic program. They plan to develop student talent by including the fields of arts and sports as an integral part of the curriculum.

The involvement of students in social projects is a priority in the work of N.G. Albania.

Amaro Tan School

Amaro Tan School is not just a school for the education of children, but also a social shelter for them and their families who come from disadvantaged backgrounds with social problems, like Roma, Sinti and Egyptian families. The children not only receive a quality education but also get social care, a hot meal every day, hygiene services, showers, and so on. Every month, their families also receive food packages, social care and humanitarian aid through Amaro Tan School.

Amaro Tan School is an institution with a Christian curriculum and is licensed as such from the state. An important part of the daily program is the Bible's meditation and reading, which provides a foundation for healthy values in their lives.

Various technical courses are part of the school program, such as (sewing, computer skills, wood working). These a good opportunity to gain a profession and to become contributing members of their communities.

The students who participate in the tailoring course are awarded certificates for successfully completing their training. The computer courses introduce students to the technology. The woodshop gives students "hands-on" experence for jobs working with wood, and helps them imagine how thy might provide for themseleves.

Because knowing a foreign language is important for the future of young people in today's society, Amaro Tan School offers English language courses from the first to

the ninth grade.

Summer camps are an entertaining part of the Amaro Tan School program. Each year, two summer camps are organized, and many children participate. Camps are not just entertainment for the children, but they also provide a safe environment away from the social problems of trafficking, begging etc. that are part of their daily lives when at home.

Amaro Tan School is funded 100% by private donations.

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EDUCATION IS THE SOURCE OF A SUSTAINABLE SELF-SUFFICIENCY, AND THEREFORE, ALSO AN IMPORTANT FOUNDATION FOR HUMAN DIGNITY.

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NEHEMIAH GATEWAY UNIVERSITY

IMPACT BOX-2017 N.G. UNIVERSITY

Accredited in 3 nations (Albania,

- Germany and U.S.A.)
- 62 students
- 8 guest students from Germany
- 1 Bachelor program and 3 Master
- program
- 11 graduated in 2017
- 16 international students

NEHEMIAH GATEWAY UNIVERSITY



Nehemiah Gateway University is an institution of higher education at N.G. Albania with 62 students currently enrolled.

The offered programs are:

- Bachelor "Business and Economy"
- Master of Sciences "Educational Leadership & Assessment"
- Master of Sciences "Business Leadership"
- Master of Sciences "NGO Management &
 International Development"

Bachelor in "Business and Economy"

This is a Dual Program, which means 50% of the time the students are in class learning according to its curricula and 50% of the time they do practical training in a company or organization, based on their recent coursework.

IMPACT BOX-2017 LANGUAGE COURSES

5 German language courses
45 participants and 2 teachers
5 graduates have already started their training in Germany

M.Sc. in Educational Leadership & Assessment

This program provides teachers with higher professional training in leadership and assessment.

M.Sc. in Business Leadership

This program is an opportunity for all Bachelor graduates and business professionals to gain higher professional training in Business and Economy.

M.Sc. in NGO Management & International Development

This program provides skills and knowledge in organizational leadership and international development.



N.G. University is accredited in 3 nations, Albania, Germany and U.S.A.

What makes this institution unique is its internationality. The students come not only from Albania, but also countries on three different continents: Africa, Europe and Latin America. This is a key factor for its diversity and a rich cultural student life.

At N.G. University the teaching is done in English, so the majority of the professors are foreign.

N.G. University has cooperation agreements with other universities in Albania and Germany.

Foreign languages professional courses

German language is offered as a professional course for participants, who are not offered German as part of their school curriculum.

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These courses are organized by N.G. University in cooperation with Beck International, a company based in Munich, Germany. This project helps young people graduate these courses and upon completion, they are selected and employed by various companies in Germany, providing an opportunity for these young people, who wish to work outside of Albania.

English language is part of the plan to be developed and offered soon.

PROJECT EMPOWERMENT



Project empowerment is one of the 4 building blocks of Nehemiah Gateway Albania.

The goal of this building block is to support young entrepreneurs and their business ideas, so that they can contribute to their community in a long term and positive way.

Part of this project is the wood workshop at Amaro Tan School. The goal of this project is to train pupils of Amaro Tan, but also serve as a place of practical training for students of N.G. University.

The wood workshop produces several wooden toys, accessories and Christmas decorations. All the products are sold at venues such as the Christmas Market which is organized in Bucimas. The modest income motivates the pupils and co-workers of this project.

Project Empowerment also includes the transportation and car service shops.

Transportation is managed by private individuals, who take care of all N.G. Albania transportation requirements including providing transportation for kindergarten, Nehemia school, N.G. University and coworkers of N.G. Albania.

The car service shop also managed privately, takes care of all the N.G. Albania vehicles, but they also provide service to external customers.

All these projects, and many more, are success stories and living examples of N.G. Albania's philosophy, that a society can evolve positively by offering long term solutions.



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By means of professional coaching, we want to enable people from our project countries to fulfill ideas in the field of business development so that they are then able to support medical and social projects themselves within the meaning of "helping people to help themselves" 66







3 drivers are fully employed by this **36** items are produced by the wood workshop (decorations, toys and

10 pupils are trained at the wood

2 trainees help at the wood workshop

2 car mechanics are part of the car

service shop

CORE VALUES IMPLEMENTATION

Values are the basics of our work and therefore they are one of the four strategic pillars of N.G. Albania.

Implementing these values in our daily work is accomplished by making them part of the various projects such as Royal Rangers, children's and youth meetings, summer camps etc.

Royal Rangers is a Christian international scouting organization with the aim to evangelize, equip and empower the new generation. The curriculum of Royal Rangers is built in a way that offers opportunity to work and invest in the lives of each child, to improve their mind, body, and spirit and in teaching them to respect everyone.

Nehemiah Gateway Albania has established two Royal Rangers outposts in Pogradec and Durres, where children become familiar with the values and philosophy of the project through various activities in nature.

Part of the pillar of the core values implementation are also the various camps for children and young people. These camps do not serve only as entertainment but also acquaint them with the values and mission of N.G. Albania, and to develop social and community responsibility.

66 Sustainable help for self-help can only then function when communication, and acceptance of fundamental values are ensured at the same time.



IMPACT BOX-2017 CORE VALUES

	150 children are part of Royal	
	Rangers in Pogradec and Durres	
	2 Outposts	
	400 children participated in a t	wo
2	3 camps are organized during s	ummer
	2 leaders trainings in Pogradec	
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WHO ARE WE



Nehemiah Gateway Albania is an aid organization working with co-workers from various countries. Our motivation is to positively and sustainably improve the situation and living conditions of people in need.

- 1. Here, the main focus is on "helping others to help themselves" in order to encourage and strengthen people's dignity and independence.
- 2. With a special emphasis on education, we would like to **create opportunities** resulting in local sustainable development.

FULL TIME CO-WORKERS 87

- PART TIME CO-WORKERS 8
- STUDENTS WHICH ARE PART OF "WORK & STUDY" PROGRAM

VOLUNTEERS 6

TRAINEES

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A gateway that opens, invites in and shows the way to a whole new dimension of life. A gateway of hope. A gateway to a better and more sustainable life.

A gateway to the light that inspires us to think, to dream and to plan. A gateway to life.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the Year Ended 31 December 2017

	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
& Revenue	Lek	Lek	Lek	Euro 140	Euro 138	Euro 130
Donations	10 255 855	2 693 825	11 741 904	73 256	19 520	90 322
Donors	92 139 522	90 663 971	181 174 475	658 139	656 985	1 393 650
Service Income	47 706 864	65 696 558	73 942 313	340 763	476 062	568 787
Donated Items Income Donated Service	40.414.700	7 578 310	18 780 271	0	54 915	144 464
Income	48 414 789	40 347 378	51 863 227	345 820	292 372	398 948
				0	0	0
Total Support & Revenue	198 517 060	206 980 042	337 502 190	1 417 979	1 499 855	2 596 171
Expences						
MAR	1 740 730	1 248 049	1 557 681	12 434	9 044	11 982
Operative expenses	70 972 577	73 625 152	83 445 610	506 947	533 516	641 889
IT & Communi- cation	0	1 378 983	1 573 560	0	9 993	12 104
Personel	94 824 649	95 122 566	97 965 789	677 319	689 294	753 583
Donated Service Expence	48 414 789	40 347 378	42 638 032	345 820	292 372	327 985
Total expences	215 952 745	211 722 128	227 180 672	1 542 520	1 534 218	1 747 544
Other Revenue & Expense						
Other Revenue						
Other Income	19 229 308	5 938 092	5 366 850	137 352 0	43 030 0	41 283 0
Total Other Revenue	19 229 308	5 938 092	5 366 850	137 352	43 030	41 283
Other Expense	1 793 623	1 196 006	115 688 368	12 812	8 667	889 911
Total Other Expense	1 793 623	1 196 006	115 688 368	12 812	8 667	889 911
		4 742 086	-110 321 518	0 124 541	0 34 363	0 - 848 627
Total Net Other Income	17 435 685	4742 000				

As of 31 of December 2017

Assets	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
	Lek	Lek	Lek	Euro 140	Euro 138	Euro 130
Current Assets						
Cash Bank	15 149 046	26 264 501	1 997 334	108 207	190 322	15 364
Cash on Hand	877 821	588 578	1 542 335	6 270	4 265	11 864
Accounts Receivable	170 000	3 957 953	14 150 674	1 214	28 681	108 851
Total Current Assets	16 196 867	30 811 032	17 690 343	115 692	223 268	136 080
Fixed Assets						
Land	78 454 767	78 454 767	194 279 339	560 391	568 513	1 494 456
Land impruvements BC	58 642 635	58 642 635	58 642 635	418 876	424 947	451 097
Less Accumulates depri-	-2 932 132	-5717657	-8 363 906	-20 944	-41 432	-64 338
tiation	3 247 408	6 664 237	8 325 664	23 196	48 292	64 044
Tools & Machinery Less: Accumulated Depre-	8 8	-3 720 721	-4 641 709	-21 320	-26 962	-35 705
ciation	-2 704 042	-0/20/21	-4041707	21 020	-20 702	00700
Equipments	14 039 664	14 615 650	11 478 966	100 283	105 911	88 300
Less: Accumulated Depre-	-9 322 828	-10 646 033	-7 512 393	-66 592	-77 145	-57 788
ciation Automobiles	17 065 265	19 266 557	19 266 557	121 895	139 613	148 204
Automobiles Less: Accumulated Depre-		-11 619 631	-13 149 016	-85 422	-84 200	-101 146
ciation						
Buildings	626 192 174	626 192 174	659765718	4 472 801	4 537 624	5 075 121
Less: Accumulated Depre- ciation	-273 051 184	-290 708 234	-309 161 108	-1 950 366	-2 106 581	-2 378 162
Furnitures & Fixtures	1 710 940	1 957 200	2 128 424	12 221	14 183	16 372
Less: Accumulated Depre- ciation	-244 420	-484 209	-714 399	-1 746	-3 509	-5 495
Library	5 878 900	5 902 477	5 909 537	41 992	42 772	45 458
Less: Accumulated Depre-	-4 115 239	-4 222 473	-4 323 697	-29 395	-30 598	-33 259
ciation						
Total Fixed Assets	500 621 999	484 576 739	611 930 612	3 575 871	3 511 426	4 707 159
Total Assets	516 818 866	515 387 771	629 620 955	3 691 563	3 734 694	4 843 238
Liabilities & Net						0
Assets						
Liabilities						0
Insurance Payable	1 664 454	1 741 803	1 812 972	11 889	12 622	13 946
Other Tax Payable	478 294	592 741	576 284	3 416	4 295	4 433
Accounts Payable	13 026 104	15 626 988	15 739 943	93 044	113 239	121 076
Loan						0
Total Liabilities	15 168 852	17 961 532	18 129 199	108 349	130 156	139 455
Net Assets						0
Total Fund Balance	501 650 013	497 426 239	611 491 756	2 502 017	3 604 538	
Net Income	301 030 013	47/ 420 239	011 491 700	3 583 214	3 004 338	4 703 783
Total Net Assets	501 / 50 01 f	107 101 000	(11 404 054	2 502 01 /	0 /0 / 500	0
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Total Net Assets &						



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Germany Nehemiah Gateway gGmbH Sparkasse Nürnberg IBAN: DE66 7605 0101 0011 0409 38 BIC: SSKNDE77XXX

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