

The First Lord's Table in Novi Sad, Serbia, 28 April 2019

On 28 April 2019 approximately 130 brothers and sisters from 16 different countries gathered in Novi Sad, Serbia, a city in the north of the country on the banks of the Danube River. They joined the 11 saints who regularly meet and their children around the first Lord's table in Novi Sad and in the country of Serbia.

Beginning in 2012 a small group of believers in Novi Sad came into contact with the saints in the Lord's recovery through the free distribution of the ministry by Rhema. Through the reading of the free books and through practical fellowship with the saints through Skype, they began to know Christ as the embodiment of the Father in the Son who in resurrection became the life-giving Spirit and is now in their spirit. They saw that Christ is all-inclusive, that He is the reality of all the positive things in this universe, that He is God's centrality and universality, and that He desires men to take Him as their life and person.

They also saw that the people of God are redeemed because of God's need, that His purpose is to build His house for His rest, that the Body for Christ is for His move, and that the bride as His counterpart is for His satisfaction.

In 2013 the saints in Novi Sad were first visited by saints from Germany, Poland, and Croatia. This was the first time that they saw something of the Body in its expression and function. In the same year the saints made their first trip to a small regional conference in Pula, Croatia, and were visited by a group of saints from London.

One of the local brothers testified:

"At that time we experienced that we are fully one with the saints because we are eating the same spiritual food, and we are drinking the same spiritual drink – the glorified Christ as the rock who follows us in our spirit. In order to preserve this flow within and among us, we had to follow this flow as He led us. He led us to leave the sheepfold and to gather together around the Shepherd in His bountiful and rich pasture, where we have been richly nourished by Him. We began to gather together in September 2013 after we came back from the blending conference in Bratislava.

In November 2013 two brothers from among us went to London for the One-Week Training, and two of us went to the One-Week Training in May 2014. Through these trainings we were not only edified in the truth but also saw that God has His move on this earth and that He moves through the prayer ministry of the church. We saw what it means that the earth moves the heavens. We realized that we were brought back to the Father's house, to the local church, because the church had been praying for Serbia and for Novi Sad before they even saw us or met us."

Among all of us who gathered for the first Lord's table in Novi Sad from 16 countries, there was a strong feeling that as the saints in Novi Sad were taking the ground in their city, we witnessed and experienced something of the Body. We realized that the Lord found a group of saints who made themselves available to Him for His need in this age. They are open to follow Him according to the present truth as it is revealed in the Bible and in the fellowship of the ministry in His Body. May the Lord continue to spread freely with and among the saints in the country of Serbia, in the Balkans, and on the whole earth.

At the end the local saints testified:

We rejoice, and we praise the Lord for His great mercy that today we can gather with the saints on the ground of the Body of Christ for the benefit of the entirety of God's people, for the consummation of this age, and for the coming back of our Lord to the marriage feast of the Lamb.