



Multiplication: From Three Communities to a Whole Region

In a recent Global CHE Network newsletter, Agron Aga, GCN Representative Council member and CHE Albania Executive Director, shared how their field multiplied the work in their region. Here is an excerpt from his story:

For many, CHE might be a good development program or a project. For the CHE Albania team, it has been more than this. It is a church planting strategy, a wholistic ministry to empower communities and the church. It is a lifestyle. The strong emphasis on Evangelism and Discipleship has made the difference between CHE as a program and CHE as a wholistic ministry. The strategy from three isolated communities has expanded through *collaboration* with churches in our country. The vision of a small group has been embraced by the local church leaders. So far, seven churches are using CHE to bring transformation into their target areas and reach people for Christ in a wholistic way!

2015 was a turning point for the CHE ministry in the Balkans and Central Europe. Fida International, Medical Ambassadors, North American Baptist Association and Global Hope Network decided to set up CHE Euro Net, whose role would be encouraging and supporting the building of CHE teams in every country of Balkans and Central Europe. Already CHE ministry ... next level.

For this purpose, ***The Gathering Wave*** was organized in Albania, and missionaries, church leaders, and Christian organizations from 21 countries came to see CHE in action. This event catalyzed building new CHE teams in Balkans and Central Europe. Together with Ron and Jeannie Seck and other CHE trainers from MA Albania, numerous Vision seminars and TOT1 trainings have taken place in the Balkans, Central, and Eastern Europe from North Macedonia to Ukraine. So far, CHE teams are operating in Hungary, Bosnia and Hercegovina, Serbia, North Macedonia, and recently in Kosovo. We as CHE Euro Net have *collaborated* to organize Vision Seminars in other countries too. CHE ministry in Albania has had a great impact on the expansion of CHE work from one person to many, from three communities to the whole region!



Thank you for reading the story of the work in CHE Albania and beyond! To move beyond projects to movements, a foundation must be laid. In Agron's case, there was the following:

- 1. A Champion, ready and willing to serve the Lord--Agron was determined to reach his countrymen and chose to use CHE as the means.*
- 2. Working together to build a strong CHE model--Churches joined together collaboratively to build a strong CHE model community.*
- 3. Bringing wholistic transformation to the poor—they focused on the Roma, a people with great need, physically and spiritually. Worldview and transformational change took place among the people.*
- 4. Gathering together to see what God has done; challenging others to multiply the work throughout the region. We simply call this, "The Million Village Challenge".*

*If we want to move beyond sustainable projects in a single village to transformational movements which Agron describes as the **Gathering Wave**, it is done through the steps described above.*

*Do you have a model village ready to move to the next step of multiplication? Would you want to host a **Million Village Challenge** as described in point four? Just let us know by contacting terry@chenetwork.org.*