

Peter Stonelake – Montenegro

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Name Pete Stonelake

Work Proofreader, translator, website programmer, English teacher

Non-work responsibilities

- Helping out with [EUS](#) student work in Nikšić.
- Coordinating church teenager work in Nikšić, helping with music in worship services.
- Generally being active within the local Christian fellowship in Nikšić specifically and also Montenegro as a whole. As Christ's ambassadors, people scrutinise our every action/reaction and I aim to give glory to God by having a godly reputation, as well as speaking his love meaningfully into everyday situations.



"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God."

Colossians 3:1 (NIV)

Prayer & praise

- **Busy month ahead:** Stanisa is currently away in the States, so we will all in the church be a bit busier for the next couple of weeks. Plus a short-term team is coming from Denmark (see below). I am also waiting on a job contract that would last all of March.
- **Student outreach:** Please pray as we have extra events at the university related to the Danish team, and for our relationship with the university management, which has been good so far.

This/last/next month

- **IFES Balkan Staff Consultation:** IFES workers from the region are descending on Montenegro for roughly three days (2-5 March) of mutual encouragement and teaching related to student ministry. As the hosting country, we will be active in the organisation, but it is always a great time of fellowship!
- **Preaching:** I preached on 26 Feb from the parable of the lost sheep, and on 12 Mar I will be preaching from 1 Timothy 6 as we cover for Stanisa's absence.
- **Danish Bible School team:** A team from this school in Denmark has visited Nikšić many times before, and the several volunteers we have had in recent years from Denmark have come as a follow-up to this relationship. They will be here 10-22 Mar and they will help with a "Danish week" at the university, which will be followed by a two-day retreat in the mountains, to which we hope to invite students in order to get to know God better.

Other stuff

- **Inclement weather:** I had grand plans to go hiking every Saturday in February, but it turned out that gorgeous weather during the working week was followed by rainy, snowy or low-cloud Saturdays, and I only braved these conditions on two curtailed trips, during which I could hardly see more than 20 metres in front of me.
- **Visiting the sick:** As it happens there are currently several people who attend the church, or their close relatives, who are ill, some close to death. It has been a major challenge for me to find time to visit these people with work being particularly busy, but also being disorganised. Jesus was very clear in his teaching about the importance of, among other things, visiting the sick, as an expression of one's true love towards God.
- **UK visit:** I'm back in the UK for two weeks in April.

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